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The 39th Biennial Session of the Convention was called to order at 2:00 p. m. by Dr. John G. Truitt, President. The opening hymn was "The Church's One Foundation." The Secretary read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The records published in the *Annual* indicate that for the years of 1934, 1942, 1944, 1946 and 1948, the session of the Convention were held under and in the name of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, and not in the name of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Incorporated, the corporate name of the body according to its charter and amendment; and,

WHEREAS, It is expedient and mandatory that the Convention shall use its corporate name in the transaction of all official business, therefore, it is moved:

1. That there shall be unanimous consent for the President of this body to declare that The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Incorporated, is now assembled in regular session for the transaction of all business in keeping with the Constitution and by-laws and other provisions for its regular work.

2. That this session shall declare its will and wish to validate the sessions of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches held in the above-named years, for all purposes and intent, as being the regular sessions of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Incorporated.

3. That hereafter all session of said body, together with all official reports, records, communications or actions of officials, elected or employed, including the Convention *Manual,* shall be held, recorded or issued indicating the official corporate name of this Convention or the relation to the same."

Upon motion the resolution was adopted.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, host pastor, extended a most cordial welcome and presented an official Convention gavel which President Truitt accepted for the Convention.

Mrs. Jo W. Williams, of the Convention Office, was appointed assistant secretary for this session of the Convention.

To the roll call the following members responded:

Ministers—Eastern Virginia 18, Eastern North Carolina 6, Valley of Virginia 3, Western North Carolina 3, North Carolina and Virginia 11; total 41.

Lay Delegates—Eastern Virginia 17, Virginia Valley 3, Eastern North Carolina 15, Western North Carolina 4, North Carolina and Virginia 13; total 52.

Members of Boards and Committees (not counted above)—9.

The President declared a quorum present.

The following visitors were presented to the Convention: Rev. E. F. Raiford of the Friends Church; Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Vice-President, Board of Home Missions, New York; Dr. Ross W. Sanderson, Director of Field Research, The Board of Home Missions, and Mrs. Sanderson, and Timothy Chang. Upon motion the Convention made Mr. Raiford, Dr. Douglass, Dr. Sanderson and Timothy Chang deliberative members of this Convention.

The Program Committee presented the printed program as the order of business for this session.

Voted to make the printed program the order of the Convention, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The President appointed the following Committees:

Business—Will B. O'Neill, Chairman, W. J. Andes, H. G. Councill, Jr.
Resolutions—J. F. Apple, Chairman, T. Fred Wright, Stanley Carne, Mrs. O. H. Paris.
Credentials—I. H. Vickery, Chairman, Guy H. Veazey, R. E. Newton.

The Secretary presented a summary of the actions of the Executive Board during the biennium, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The following persons constituted the Executive Board of the Convention during the biennium:

1. Nominated by the Convention and Conferences and elected by the Convention at Liberty (Vance), 1948:

John G. Truitt, President; W. Millard Stevens, Vice-President; J. Everette Neese, Secretary; Eastern Virginia—Mills E. Godwin, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle (for John G. Truitt, resigned); Valley of Virginia—Robert A. Whitten, R. E. Newton; Eastern North Carolina—J. Frank Apple, S. H. Basnight; Western North Carolina—George T. Gunter, E. C. Brady; North Carolina and Virginia—K. D. Register, Zeb H. Lynch. Members-at-Large: Will B. O'Neill, Mrs. W. W. Sellers, W. E. Wisseman.

2. Nominated by the respective Boards, Committees and Institutions, and elected by the Executive Board:

F. C. Lester, Mission Board; D. R. Fonville, Board of Superannuation; Jesse H. Dollar, Board of Christian Education; W. E. Wisseman, Board of Publications; Mrs. O. H. Paris, Women; L. E. Smith, Elon College; (Charles D. Johnston, deceased, V. R. Holt) John G. Truitt, Orphanage; C. Baxter Twiddy, Pilgrim Fellowship; Stanley C. Harrell, Finance Committee; George D. Colclough, Laymen; Robert Lee House, Editor, *The Christian Sun.*

The Executive Board constituted the Executive and Office Personnel Committees of the Board as follows:

Executive—John G. Truitt, J. Everette Neese, Will B. O'Neill, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Stanley C. Harrell, W. E. Wisseman, George D. Colclough.

Office Personnel—W. Millard Stevens, Stanley C. Harrell, W. E. Wisseman, George D. Colclough, John G. Truitt.

During the biennium the Executive Board of the Convention has had five meetings. *The first meeting was held at Elon College, October* 12-13, 1948, with sixteen members of the Board and one visitor present.

The Board approved and adopted the following actions of the Executive Committee in meetings held May 22 and September 16, 1948:

1. That John G. Truitt, George D. Colclough and William T. Scott constitute a committee to confer with three members of the Board of Trustees of Elon College to bring recommendations concerning the two million dollar campaign for the college;

2. That the Committee on Superintendent's Home be empowered to erect or purchase a home for the Convention Superintendent in accordance with the action of the 1948 session of the Convention and that the President and Secretary of the Convention be authorized and instructed to sign the necessary papers for a loan of $9,000.00 from the Congregational Church Building Society, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, to finance the project;

3. That Miss Dorothy Scott be elected Assistant Treasurer;

4. That the resignation of Miss Elizabeth Chicoine be accepted, with regrets, and the Committee on Office Personnel be instructed to fill the vacancy created by Miss Chicoine's resignation;

5. The adoption of the budget of $15,700.00 for Convention employed personnel, promotion and office expenses for the year July 1, 1948 - June 30, 1949;

6. The appointment of George D. Colclough, John G. Truitt, W. Millard Stevens as a committee on the administration of the Ministerial Loan Fund;

7. That the Superintendent be instructed to secure bond for office personnel and Treasurer through the Board of Home Missions, New York (Note: Fidelity Bond—Aetna No. IF6634R—Blanket Position Bond $100,000.00 indemnity each expires June 30, 1951);

8. The election of delegates to the General Council meeting at Oberlin, and the President and Superintendent authorized to fill any vacancies in the delegation;

The Board elected Drs. H. S. Hardcastle, Eastern Virginia Conference representative; J. H. Dollar, Board of Christian Education; F. C. Lester, Mission Board; as members of the Executive Board.

The Board gave consideration to the proposal of the election of a full time Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism, and voted to continue this proposal for further consideration.

The President appointed Mills E. Godwin, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle and Will B. O'Neill as a special committee on investigation of the history of the Ministerial Loan Fund, and to bring recommendations in line with the 1948 Convention actions. Stevens, Colclough, Scott and Smith were designated to formulate recommendations for the awarding of proceeds from the Ministerial Scholarship Fund.

A committee of representatives from each Conference was appointed and charged with responsibility for the promotion of the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Foundation, solicitation for which closed October 31, 1948.

The Board approved the Two Million Dollar Campaign for Elon College as authorized by the Convention and as outlined by President Smith. It voted that the plan of procedure be: (1) the completion of the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation; (2) the construction of a new gymnasium; (3) the construction of a dining room or dormitory.

The Board voted in the name of the Convention to establish the O'Kelly Memorial Foundation for the purpose of preserving and caring for the James O'Kelly Family Cemetery in Chatham County, North Carolina, and that the Trustees be empowered to take such legal action as necessary to have the Convention become custodian of the property on which the cemetery is located. The President appointed Dr. C. E. Newman as Secretary-Trustee of the Foundation for three years. Other Trustees and terms were appointed as follows: Stanley C. Harrell, 3 years; Miss Margaret Hall and S. H. Basnight, 2 years; Miss Lillie Fowler and Kenneth D. Register, 1 year; the terms to begin July 1, 1948.

The Board voted to elect Dr. C. E. Newman Historian, to work with Elon College in the development of a church history room at the college.

The President was asked to appoint a committee to study the matter of retirement as proposed by the 1948 Revisions Committee. The committee appointed was R. L. House, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mills E. Godwin, Jr.

The Committee on Legal Counsel and Safeguarding our Churches was contniued, members being S. C. Harrell, George T. Gunter, S. E. Madren, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., C. C. Dollar, L. E. Smith and W. M. Stevens.

The President appointed Rev. R. A. Whitten as Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism, replacing Dr. F. C. Lester, resigned.

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman, Committee on Superintendent's Home, reported major work on the home was completed and the Superintendent and family occupied it October 1, 1948. Members of the Board inspected the home and participated in an impressive Service of Dedication.

The second meeting was held April 19-20, 1949, *at Elon College,* with 21 members and three visitors present.

The Board approved the action of the Executive Committee as follows:

1. Authorizing the Mission Board to make a special appeal for Relief and Reconstruction, such funds to be included in the budget for the Mission Board adopted at the 1948 session.

2. Authorizing Superintendent Scott to offer a position to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill to serve on the staff of the Convention at a salary of $3,000.00, travel expenses, a share in the payment of her annuity dues,

3. That the Personnel Committee with representatives from Boards and Institutions be authorized to meet with Miss Coghill explaining her duties and making other adjustments necessary to the fulfillment of her employment.

4. That the Personnel Committee be empowered to work out, without cost to the Convention, a plan for financing an automobile for Miss Coghill.

The Board adopted the report of the committee on the Ministerial Scholarship Fund and elected Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman and Kenneth D. Register as a committee to administer this fund. That committee's report will give the details to the Convention.

The Board received a report from the Superintendent's Home Committee and voted that the committee be urged to finish their campaign to raise sufficient funds to pay the deficit carried by the Convention Fund. This committee will make a detailed report to this Convention session.

Mr. Vitus R. Holt was recognized as the authorized rerpesentative from the Christian Orphanage replacing Mr. Charles D. Johnston, deceased, until a new Superintendent has been elected.

The Board voted to recommend to the Convention that it change its fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year.

Mr. Vitus R. Holt, acting Superintendent, reported for the Orphanage and at his request the Secretary of the Convention read correspondence from the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage as follows:

> "At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage the request from the Convention for $600.00 annually to support the Southern Convention office was discussed at length, and by vote of the Board the officers were instructed to request the Executive Board of the Convention to withdraw this most unusual request for funds."

It was voted that the matter of the Christian Orphanage request for release from financial support of the administrative cost of the Convention be referred back to the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage for consideration at their next meeting and that President Truitt (Dr. S. C. Harrell replaced Dr. Truitt) and Superintendent Scott constitute a committee to meet with the Trustees, explaining the position of the Convention and to report back to the Executive Board at its next session.

The Board heard the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the history of the Ministerial Loan Fund and voted to adopt the report subject to approval of the Southern Convention in session. The full report of this committee will be given to the Convention by the Ministerial Loan Fund Committee. It was voted to turn over to Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., the delinquent notes held by the Ministerial Loan Fund.

Regarding free tuition for ministerial students at Elon College the Board voted to "commend Elon College for the historic practice of granting free tuition scholarships to students preparing for the Christian ministry, and that the college continue this practice of giving full tuition grants to such ministerial students."

The Board adopted resolutions presented by the Board of Publications regarding *The Christian Sun*. These resolutions will be submitted by the Board of Publications in detail.

The Board adopted the operating budget for the fiscal year, July 1, 1949-June 30, 1950, totalling $17,953.00.

It was voted that the financial records of the Mission Board, the Convention Office and the Board of Christian Education be audited as of December 31, 1949.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to issue notice and text of any proposed change in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southern Convention.

Mrs. John G. Truitt was elected to the Mission Board to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Joe A. French, resigned.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens was elected to represent the Convention at the International Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, June 17-24, 1949. Other representatives were President L. E. Smith and Superintendent William T. Scott.

The third meeting was held at Henderson, North Carolina, October 11, 1949, with 19 members present.

The Board adopted the action of the Executive Committee and Personnel Committee employing Miss Coghill as Educational Secretary to begin October 1, 1949, at an annual salary of $3,000.00, 8 per cent of her salary as annuity deposits, payment of annual premiums on $1,000.00 life insurance, travel expenses of $1,000.00 per year, and that Elon College be her official residence and office; that $500.00 from the Convention Fund be advanced to Miss Coghill on her note without interest and that $25.00 be withheld each month to repay the amount which is to be used towards the purchase of an automobile for her use as Educational Secretary.

It was voted that the mileage allowance for the Educational Secretary and Superintendent be 7 cents per mile as of October 1, 1949.

Upon report of the Treasurer and Bookkeeper the Board voted that the church by church file of receipts on apportionment be kept for the period of two years.

(Note: The Convention Office handles a remittance as follows:

1. A receipt is made in triplicate from the check and remittance slip or letter which accompanies the payment. One copy goes to the remitter; one copy goes in our church by church file; the third copy remains in the receipt book. The remittance slip or letter is filed in a church by church file.

2. The remittance is recorded in a premanent general receipts book which shows the name of the church, person sending the payment, the amount of the remittance, and the distribution of that amount.

3. At the end of a Conference Year the total receipts from each church and the distribution of the gifts are printed in the Annual.)

The matter of contributing to the support of the Board of Pastoral Supply, Boston, to help defray their expense in service to our churches was referred to the Finance Committee for presentation to the Convention for action.

Mr. Mills F. Godwin, Jr., reported on his attempt to collect delinquent Ministerial Loan Fund accounts, stating that he had contacted those indebted to this fund and that he had answers from only four people. It was voted that the special committee consisting of Mr. Godwin, Will B. O'Neill, H. S. Hardcastle be instructed to collect notes now due on the basis set forth by the Convention session of 1948 and that this committee bring to the Convention report and recommendations concerning the disposition of the unpaid notes and the restoration of the Ministerial Loan Fund to its original amount.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman presented the following report for information on the Cora L. Anthony Trust Fund:

"In accordance with the terms of the Last Will and Testament of Mrs. Cora L. Anthony, Greensboro, North Carolina, deceased, a Trust has been set up known as the Cora L. Anthony Trust Fund. The income from this Trust is to be used: 'to pay the salaries of missionaries and to help worthy students preparing for the mission field.' Dr. L. E. Smith, Mrs. O. H. Paris, and W. E. Wisseman have been named trustees by the Guilford County Superior Court. W. E. Wisseman has been named Treasurer. At this date there is available approximately $3,000.00 for disbursement in accordance with the terms of the Will."

Dr. S. C. Harrell presented a summary of the conference held with the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage with regard to the item of $600.00 annually requested of the Orphanage for the support of the work of the Convention, and it was voted that it was the sense of this Board that it is not within the power of the Executive Board to change the action adopted by the Convention relative to this item and that the Convention action will have to stand as is for the Orphanage to take such action as it sees fit.

The Executive Board elected a committee of five—Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Dr. S. C. Harrell, Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Dr. Will B. O'Neill—to take the matter of relationship between the Southern Convention and Orphanage under advisement and to bring to the Board at its next meeting some suggestions for action.

The resignation of Dr. Jesse H. Dollar as Chairman of the Superintendent's Home Committee was accepted with regrets and Mr. George D. Colclough was elected his successor.

Rev. R. A. Whitten reported for the Committee on Evangelism and Spiritual Life and urged the cooperation of our Convention with 36 other denominations in the Evangelistic Advance during 1950.

The Board voted to accept the invitation from the Oakland Church, Chuckatuck, Virginia, to hold the 1950 session of the Convention at that church May 2-4, 1950. The President appointed the following committtees for the Convention session:

Nominations—Rev. W. J. Andes, Chairman, Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. Clyde L. Fields, Mr. A. H. McIver.

Program—Dr. John G. Truitt, Chairman, J. E. Neese, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Mrs. O. H. Paris, the host pastor, with Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and Superintendent Scott, ex officiis.

Upon vote Rev. Wm. T. Scott was nominated as Superintendent for the 1950-52 biennium.

Dr. C. E. Newman, historian, reported on the development of the Church History Room in connection with the Elon College Library, requesting that someone be appointed by the Board in or near the college to work with the library in looking after this room; that money be solicited to purchase glass cases to hold valuable literature and priceless souvenirs of the early leaders of the Christian Church. The Board referred to the Nominating Committee the responsibility of nominating a custodian to work with the library in caring for the Church History Room.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that approximately five acres of land in Carroll County, Virginia, was through error deeded to the Southern Convention instead of the Mission Board. The Mission Board has opportunity to sell this property which is no longer needed for the development of our work there. The Board voted to authorize the President and Secretary of the Southern Convntion to sign, seal, and deliver deed as presented by the Mission Board for sale of the property and that the money from this sale go to the Mission Board.

The Board voted commendation and appreciation to the Convention Office and field personnel for the great value of their work to the Convention, Conferences and Churches.

Consideration was given to the church law suits in the Western North Carolina Conference and possible need for funds outside the resources of that Conference to protect our interests. The matter was referred to the Executive Committee for action.

The fourth meeting was a special meeting held at Elon College, March 16, 1950, with 15 members and one visitor present.

The Board adopted the minutes and approved actions of the Executive Committee accepting the resignation of Miss Dorothy A. Scott, Assistant Treasurer, and the election of Mrs. Jo W. Williams as her successor; the recommendation for amendment of Article VIII, Section 4 of the Convention Constitution, referring to the duties of the Treasurer, which will be presented to the Convention for vote.

The report of George D. Colclough, Treasurer and of the Convention auditors, Owen and Hogan, Certified Public Accountants, Burlington, North Carolina Carolina, were presented to the Board for April 1, 1948-December 31, 1949, and referred to the Finance Committee for presentation to the Convention.

It was voted that the Executive Board recommend to the Convention "that By-Law III, paragraph 2, be amended so that the Convention fiscal year shall be the calendar year"; that the Executive Board approve and refer to the Convention for ratification, through the Finance Committee, "That appropriations for the next biennium from Boards and Institutions to the Convention and the Board of Pubilcations begin July 1, 1950, and run through the fiscal year December 31, 1952."

In accordance with the action of the meeting of October 11, 1949, Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Chairman, reported for the special committee on "relations between the Orphanage and Convention." This report was adopted as follows:

"We, your special committee, elected on October 11, 1949, by the Executive Board of the Southern Convention to take the matter of relationship between the Southern Convention and the Orphanage under advisement and bring to this Board at its next meeting some suggestions for action on this matter, beg leave to submit the following report:

"We would call attention to Section 7 of the Charter of the Christian Orphanage adopted by the General Assembly of North Carolina on February 27, 1905, which reads as follows:

" 'SECTION 7. That this corporation shall be under the supervision and control of the Southern Christian Convention, and said Southern Christian Convention shall have the power to elect the trustees for said corporation in such manner as it may prescribe, and fix their terms of office and the manner of filling any vacancy that may occur in said Board of Trustees, and the said Southern Christian Convention may increase the number of trustees at any time, not exceeding seven in all (amended to allow 15 Trustees); and the majority of the trustees shall be a quorum for the transaction for business.

"This provision of the Charter makes clear the authority of the Convention over the Orphanage.

"In view of the fact that the Orphanage Board of Trustees has requested that the Executive Board of the Convention revoke the action of $600.00 a year for the 1948-50 Biennium from the Orphanage toward the support of the operating budget of the Convention and that the matter was referred to this committee, be it resolved that this Committee is of the opinion that the Executive Board of the Convention has no authority to change the action of the Convention session.

"It is further recommended that the funds contributed by the Congregational Christian Churches for the support of the Christian Orphanage continue to be sent through the Southern Convention office and remitted as provided by the Constitution (See Chapter VI, Article VIII, Section 4, Paragraph 3), and that the Orphanage pay the amount the Convention asks of it for administrative cost of the Convention."

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Chairman of the 1948 Revision Committee, called attention to a printer's error in the Constitutional Amendments voted at Liberty Vance Church at the 1948 session of the Convention, Article VIII—Officers, page 36 of the Manual, Section 3, entitled 'Election and Term of Office':

" 'At least three months before each biennial session, the Executive Board shall elect a nominating Committee. This Committee shall nominate all officers of the Convention, but nominations may also be made from the floor for any office. Officers and Board members shall be elected to serve for the biennium unless otherwise designated, or until their successors are elected and qualified.'

"In the second sentence of this paragraph, after Convention, the recommendations of the Revisions Committee adopted had the following clause:

" 'Except for the Superintendent, who shall be nominated by the Executive Board, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun* who shall be nominated by the Board of Publications.' So that the entire section should read as follows:

" 'At least three months before each biennial session, the Executive Board shall elect a Nominating Committee. This committee shall nominate all officers of the Convention except for the Superintendent, who shall be nominated by the Executive Board, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun,* who shall be nominated by the Board of Publications. Nominations may also be made from the floor for any office. Officers and Board members shall be elected to serve for the biennium unless otherwise designated, or until their successors are elected and qualified.' "

It was votd that this error be corrected in the official copy of the Constitution. The text of this correction appears in the report on revision at this session.

Attention was called to the fact that no official records of the North Carolina Christian Conference, Inc., chartered in 1919 and continuing annual meetings until 1925, have been recorded in the Convention Annual since 1926, and that the Conference undoubtedly had certain property and legal responsibilities in its custody. It was voted to request Mr. L. L. Vaughan, Secretary of the North Carolina Conference, Inc., to present to the Executive Board a copy of all transactions of the Executive Committee of the Conference since 1925 to date and that its Executive Committee submit in the future all official action annually to the Executive Board to be included in the Annual of the Southern Convention.

It was voted, in view of the recent decision of Judge Steinbrink, Brooklyn, relative to the Congregational Christian polity that the President appoint a committee to formulate a statement on the "Principles and Government" of the Southern Convention

and our relationship to the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, to be forwarded to proper officials of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches. President Truitt appointed S. C. Harrell, L. E. Smith and Superintendent Scott to serve on this committee.

Mr. S. H. Basnight, a trustee of the O'Kelly Cemetery Committee, presented a warranty deed to the plot of land in Chatham County, recorded in Book G, page 206 in the Register of Deeds office of Chatham County.

The Board authorized the Trustees, through Mr. Basnight, to initiate a campaign for $500 to improve and preserve the property.

The Board approved the Annual Operating budget of $18,000.00 for Convention employed personnel, administration, promotion and office from July 1, 1950, to December 31, 1951, subject to the approval of the Convention in session.

The Board voted that its Executive Committee be authorized to elect delegates to the meeting of the General Council in June, 1950, not provided for by the Nominating Committee.

The Board authorized the President to appoint one person in each Conference to work with Dr. Ronald Bridges in soliciting funds for the court appeal of Judge Steinbrink's decision concerning the Congregational Christian Churches. President Truitt appointed Rev. R. A. Whitteen, W. B. Williams, Cyrus Shoffner, I. H. Vickery and W. E. Wisseman.

The fifth meeting of the Board was a regular session held at Elon College, April 18, 1950, with 14 members, one ex officio member and seven visitors present. The Board approved the minutes of the Special Session held March 16.

Prof. L. L. Vaughan, Secretary of the North Carolina Christian Conference, Incorporated, presented information regarding the action of the Executive Committee of that Conference since 1925 to date, stating that official copy would be filed with the Executive Board.

The Board referred the election of Trustees of the O'Kelly Memorial Foundation to the Nominating Committee.

Regarding terms of office for members of the Convention Boards the Executive Board adopted a resolution and recommend it to this Convention for action. The text of this resolution appears in the report on revision.

The President appointed the following Chairmen:

Social Action—Mack V. Welch, for M. W. Andes, resigned.
Memoirs—H. G. Councill, Jr., Co-Chairman.
Stewardship—James F. Darden for Joe A. French.
Visual Aids—Henry E. Robinson.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the sessions held during the biennium and authorized the President, Secretary and Superintendent to prepare this summarization.

At each meeting of the Board held during the course of the biennium reports have been received in detail from the Superintendent, the Field Secretary, the Treasurer of the Convention Fund, the Convention Office and from all the officers of the Convention Copies of these reports are in the hands of the Secretary and may be examined by any member of the Convention upon request. Also detailed minutes of each session of the Executive Board are on record in the minute book of the Executive Board, which is a permanent record, in the hands of the Convention Secretary, and may be examined upon request by anyone desiring to examine such records.

The foregoing actions of the Board are a summary of the significant actions which the Board has taken. Other actions are included in the minutes mentioned above. At each session of the Board, the Board has also received reports from the various committees of the Convention and has counseled with said committees with reference to their work.

The Treasurer's report carries the expenditures for Convention employed personnel, promotion, administration and Convention office expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. TRUITT, *President.*
J. E. NEESE, *Secretary.*

It was voted:

To make the said actions of the Executive Board of the Convention the official action of the Southern Convention of Congregational and Christian Churches, Inc., with the exception of the resolution on tenure and terms of office of Board members, which will be presented for consideration and vote of the Convention in connection with revisions of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Vice-President, presented Dr. John G. Truitt, who gave the keynot address of the Convention, using as his theme, "A New Togetherness for a Needed Advance."

The Superintendent's report was presented by Dr. Wm. T. Scott, as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION

A report of the success of the work of the Superintendent cannot be considered complete apart from an acknowledgement of the faithful work which has been done by all of you. Officers of the Convention, Boards, Conferences, Institutions, the Women, the Young People, Laymen, and the consecrated pastors and unselfish members of the 195 local churches deserve the praise, commendation and thanks of the Superintendent. I have tried to help you do your job of Christian discipleship.

I have tried to do the work a Superintendent is supposed to do as Executive officer, counsellor, "trouble-shooter," promoter, etc. I have tried to promote the general work of the denomination and particularly of the Southern Convention through its Boards, Conferences, Committees and local churches. With able assistance of hundreds of cooperative workers we believe that some progress has been made during the biennium, and may our Lord be praised!

From April 1, 1948 through March 31, 1950 I made 235 visits to churches, 79 such visits having to do with assisting churches to obtain pastoral leadership; held or participated in 404 groups meetings with churches, conferences, committees, boards, etc; had 486 interviews and conferences with individual pastors, had 1,233 interviews and conferences with individual lay people regarding the work of churches; preached 68 sermons; delivered 97 addresses; traveled 48,820 miles. Expenses paid by the Convention for this period were $2,800.83.

In the work of the Superintendent numerous meetings are to be promoted, planned for and programs arranged; numerous addresses to be made and Board, Committtee, and Conference meetings consume much time. One of the rewarding parts of the life of a Superintendent is the association with our able and consecrated ministry. The Superintendent is a representative of the Convention in national denominational and interdenominational meetings. It was my privilege, pleasure and profit to attend the International Congregational Council held at Wellesley last June, the Home Missions Congress of North America held at Columbus, Ohio, in January of this year, the Mid-Winter Meetings and Superintendent's Conferences of our denomination held each year, and numerous other denominational and interdenomination gatherings. A vast amount of office correspondence must have the personal attention of the Superintendent.

I wish to pay special tribute to the young women of our Convention Office who give themselves unselfishly and untiringly in keeping *The Christian Sun* subscription list, receipting the funds for Convention causes, keeping the records accurately and doing an almost endless round of office work.

Mrs. Scott and our family wish to express gratitude to the Convention for the lovely home erected and now occupied by our family as the Superintendent's Home. In thus providing for us you have added to our comfort and have made it possible, we hope, for us to render more efficient service.

Reports on much of the work of your Convention during the biennium will be embodied in the reports of the Committees, Boards, Institutions, and Auxiliaries, and they need not be repeated here. However, I desire to call to your attention certain matters for emphasis.

THE STATE OF OUR CHURCHES

There have been greatly improved facilities and comforts in our local churches, so far as buildings are concerned. For instance, in the Conference year 1948-49 116 of our 195 churches reported a total of $264,483.00 spent for church building, repairs and paid on indebtedness. During the biennium 12 new parsonages were erected or purchased: Berea, Oakland, Christian Temple, Liberty Spring, Newport News, Sunbury, Sanford, Pleasant Ridge, Seagrove, Sophia and Flint Hill (R), Belew Creek and Salem Chapel, Burlington, Happy Home. (In the previous biennium there were 17 parsonages provided.) New church and/or education buildings or major alterations: Catawba Springs, Sanford, Mt. Carmel, Shallow Well, Wake Chapel, Bethlehem (Nans.), Oakland, Shiloh, Ashville, Danville, Durham, Elon College, New Lebanon.

Tryon's educational building and Asheboro's new edifice under construction at the last session of the Convention have been completed. Construction of buildings contemplated in the near future include Greensboro "First," Greensboro "Palm Street," Franklin, Rosemont, Norfolk "Second" (relocation), Windsor, and possibly others. Southern Pines suffered the loss of its educational building by fire and plans are being made for rebuilding.

On the average more adequate salaries are being paid to our ministers. We have a more adequately trained ministry. There are larger local church budgets. During the 1948-49 Conference Year our churches raised $658,389.00 for local expenses as compared with $550,368.00 in 1947 and $456,790.00 in 1946.

The Women's work, Pilgrim Fellowship, and Laymen's activities are sources of encouragment. We are particularly gratified with the increased interest and organization of our Laymen, and we have given considerable time in assistance of this work. Elon College is experiencing one of its most successful years, with more than 800 students, and an excellent faculty. The College needs our prayers, our gifts, and the young men and women from our homes. Hard days will be faced by our college unless we give more generously in our support. The Christian Orphanage under the leadership of Dr. John G. Truitt, the new Superintendent, continues its fine record of Christian service which was so nobly led by our late beloved Charles D. Johnston.

On Convention apportionments in 1949 our churches paid $82,188.00 on a total goal of $85,041.00 as against $72,875.00 in 1947-48. In addition to this amount the Women's Missionary Convention contributed $13,508.00 to Home and Foreign Missions on their goal of $15,000.00 and $3,202.00 for Relief and Reconstruction, on a total of $6,005,00 raised for this cause by the Convention in 1948-49.

Since the 1947 ANNUAL was compiled 101 of our 195 churches have had changes of pastors. In most of these changes the Superintendent has been called for counsel by Pastoral Committees. We suffered the loss of several of our good pastors through death, retirement, illness and removal from the area. We are not producing enough ministerial recruits to fill our needs for replacements.

We welcome into the service of churches of the Convention since the last Convention Revs. Luther B. Grice, Johnson L. Griffin, William A. Grissom, Roy C. Helfenstein, E. J. Rohart, Henry E. Robinson, Charles Cecil Thomas, Robert T. Woodruff, Duane N. Vore; Pastors elect Melvin Dollar, Union (Sou.); James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Holland; A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Newport News. We lament the death of Dr. Frank H. Lewis, one of our able pastors, and the retirement because of illness of Rev. Ben Joe Earp, Rev. J. Frank Morgan, Rev. J. L. Neese. After an active and successful ministry of more than 50 years, Dr. I. W. Johnson becomes Pastor Emeritus of Berea, Oakland and Liberty Spring Churches.

We are moving toward a respectability, but will have to take care that we do not as a church lose our souls in our respectability. Let us guard lest we experience a contentment in our comforts the loss of our evangelistice passion. The Southern Convention is in better condition materially than ever before in our history to move forward in a courageous advance. Let us match our material prosperity with a new spirtiual awakening and dedication.

Our low evangelistic index is a real concern and ought to humble us! In 1949 our churches with 34,278 members to start with received but 1,600 new members during the whole year (767 on Confession of Faith). We lost 1,153 by death and removal, giving the Convention a net gain of only 447, making our total membership 34,725 at the beginning of the 1949-50 conference year.

On Confession of Faith during the past year 120 churches received but 767 members, 57 churches received none and 18 churches made no report. In total membership 90 churches reported gains over the previous year, 68 reported losses, 17 churches remained the same and 20 made no report. It takes a minium number to maintain a church adequately. The size of our churches raises some serious questions. The 1949 statistics show that we have 27 churches with memberships under 50; 48 with memberships between 50 and 99; 77 between 100 and 249; 8 between 500 and 999, and one with more than one thousand members.

The fact that our churches have been established for long periods of time make these figures serious. We are not growing! This brings us to the conclusion that our evangelistic passion is not glowing, and large numbers of our people have moved to new communities. This latter condition is reflected throughout the whole nation, because over 50 per cent of the American population has moved within the past ten years. While the population in North Carolina and Virginia has increased only about 7 per cent and 11 per cent respectively during that period, great numbers have moved their residences to new communities within the area. We organized no new church last year and have established no new church in growing areas of population during the past ten years, with the exception of Bay View in Eastern Virginia, Asheboro in Western North Carolina and Zion in North Carolina and Virginia, and Zion was the only organization really effected during that period. At the present time final plans are being effected for the launching of a new church in Burlington.

In Sunday School enrollment we need to increase our effectiveness if the Sunday School is to be a means of recruiting membership for our churches. Per 100 church members in 1948-49 our Sunday Schools enrolled 64.5.

We may take some comfort in our record as compared with 48.1 for the denomination as a whole, but might well be challenged by the Evangelical and Reformed Church record in the South of over 90. Likewise, we need to enlist and organize our youth more effectively. Per 100 church members in 1948-49 our churches reported that 15.3 enrolled in youth organization as against 14.8 for the denomination as a whole. Under the able leadership of Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, our new Educational Secretary, and our Board of Christian Education, Pilgrim Fellowship and the Sunday School Conventions we may expect improvement in this area of our church life.

Though our record in giving compares favorably with the denomination as a whole there is a lack of stewardship conviction training and commitment, and on this we need to put new emphasis. In the 1948-49 Conference Year we gave on apportionment and benevolent cause $3.24 per member, and $19.23 per member for local expenses. It is believed that we of the Southern Convention have neglected to appeal as strongly as we might have done to members of our churches and others that they remember the Convention, its Board and Institutions when they prepare their wills. It is the responsibility of the church to encourage this form of stewardship that our people may be led to give for the perpetual use of the church a portion of the worldly goods with which their Heavenly Father has entrusted them. We recommend that a form of bequest be prepared in pamphlet form, circulated among our constituency and run regularly in *The Christian Sun.*

A NEW TOGETHERNESS FOR A NEEDED ADVANCE.

We are now in the middle of the 20th century, in the 158th year of our existence as a Christian Church in the South, and in the 330th year of our American Congregational Christian heritage. We have been blessed materially and spiritually We believe we have come to the place where we need to commit ourselves to a general advance in the effectivenss of our work as Christians in the Convention.

I should like to suggest that for the next biennium (1950-52) that the Convention accept the challenge of the theme of this session, "A New Togetherness for a Needed Advance," and launch "The Mid-Century Advance" in every area of our

church life; this Advance to be a part of "Our Christian World Mission" of the denomination; that the Convention appoint a Commission to formulate a plan of action for this needed advance, and that this Commission be composed of representatives from the Mission Board, Board of Christian Education, Board of Trustees of Elon College, Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage, the Finance, Evangelism and Stewardship Committees.

I further suggest that in this Advance we use the services of Dr. Ross W. Sanderson, Director of the Department of Field Research of our national Board of Home Missions, placed at our disposal for the purpose of surveying our present situation, helping us to discover our strength and weakness, and determine lines of action which we may follow for strengthening the life and witness of our churches in the Convention.

The report of the Board of Publications will reveal the great need for increasing the resources of *The Christian Sun*. Though we have worked consistently to increase the number of subscribers, and some success has been achieved, the subscription list is far too small. A study of the subscription list will reveal that the churches whose members receive *The Christian Sun* are the churches which are giving more generously to the educational, benevolent and missionary causes. An informed constituency will result in a strong church. *The Christian Sun* is indispensible. Let us support it!

At the last session of this Convention we registered our approval of the proposed merger between the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed denominations. A court in Brooklyn, New York, has delayed the plans for completing the union, pending the outcome of an appeal to the higher courts. While this particular union met with the approval of this Convention, we earnestly hope that whatever the outcome may be of the unfortunate legal proceedings we may not lose the great zeal of the Christian Church, which was a Christian union movement, born out of a passion to restore the unity of the Church of Jesus Christ, a unity lost "through wordly pride, human doctrine, unapostolic measures, and the want of love to God and sympathy for men."

The Christian Church, uniting with the Methodist followers of James O'Kelly in Virginia and North Carolina in 1792, Abner Jones and Baptist associates in New England in 1801, and Barton W. Stone's Presbyterian followers in Kentucky in 1804, was one of the first distinctive American Christian movements. Like the new nation being born with the ideals of liberty, the passion of this Christian movement was centered in the restoration of the unity of the Church on the broad basis of Christian democracy and brotherhood.

Can it be that this ideal for Christian union, cherished and demonstrated by these Christians and Congregationalists, will be lost in the present tragic confusion over a basis of union, an overemphasis upon "our great tradition," or in resorting to a secular court which presumes to pass judgement for all time against the conscience and will of Christians to unite their forces for world conquest in Christ's name? We think not! This is not the first time Christian people have been confused. Nor is it the first time the body of Christ has been threatened by a secular world and by tradition-bound, jealous men! In such former confusion, pride, and judgements the Church of Jesus Christ has stood at the graves of her opponents. This movement of our Lord goes on with a steady march toward the consummate and ultimate purpose, to answer the prayer of the Lord of all the earth, "that they all may be one."

WM. T. SCOTT, *Superintendent.*

Upon motion the Superintendent's report was received and made a part of the Convention records.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mrs. Jo W. Williams, Assistant Treasurer, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—APRIL, 1948 TO DECEMBER 31, 1949.

	Balance 4-1-48	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	*Balance* 12-31-49
Home Missions		$ 37,988.62	$ 33,739.51	$ 4,249.11
Foreign Missions		51,052.70	49,574.84	1,477.86
Orphanage		40,375.56	40,375.56	
Elon College		21,504.26	21,504.26	
Christian Education		7,729.07	7,729.07	
Superannuation		6,910.17	6,910.17	
Convention Fund (Exh. B)		48,508.42	44,492.74	4,015.68
Per Capita		3,818.12	3,818.12	
Relief & Reconstruction (C.W.V.R.)		9,524.54	9,524.54	
Christian Sun		7,574.14	7,574.14	
Ministerial Scholarship		2,745.94	942.15	1,803.79
Ministerial Loan Fund		2,470.79	510.00	1,960.79
Other	$ 12.00	10,599.42	10,411.42	200.00
Total	$ 12.00	$250,801.75	$237,106.52	$13,707.23

SOURCES OF RECEIPTS APRIL 1, 1948 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1949.

Churches	$126,082.60
Sunday Schools	33,496.61
Individuals and Miscellaneous (including loan of $9,000 for Supt. Home)	54,372.02
Woman's Board	25,328.28
Transferred to Convention Office 1-1-49—Home Missions Balance	2,879.75
Transferred to Convention Office 1-1-49—Foreign Missions Balance	1,079.53
Transferred by Consolidation in Convention Office Balance	7,562.96
Total Receipts and Transfers	250,801.75

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—CONVENTION FUND.
APRIL 1, 1948 TO DECEMBER 31, 1949.
(Exhibit B)

Beginning Balances—April 1, 1948		
George D. Colclough, Treasurer	$ 6,693.45	
Office Operating Fund	869.51	
		$ 7,562.96
Receipts.		
Convention Fund Apportionment	$12,555.69	
Superintendent's Home	12,540.44	
Mission Board	6,186.25	
Board of Christian Education	8,250.00	
Literature, Manuals, etc.	1,077.81	
Miscellaneous	21.20	
Refunds for Supplies	302.07	
Scholarship Fund	12.00	
		40,945.46
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance		$48,508.42
Disbursements.		
Superintendent's Salary	$ 6,949.76	
Superintendent's Travel	2,350.00	
Field Worker's Salary	1,858.67	
Field Worker's Travel	841.23	
Office Salaries and Extra Office Assistance	6,928.74	

Office Expense:			
Telephone and Telegraph	$ 455.33		
Postage, Express, etc.	1,384.67		
Printing	551.54		
Office Supplies	982.86		
Bank Charges	17.62		
Service on Office Machines	55.60		
Miscellaneous Office Expense	41.50		
		3,489.12	
Christian Sun—Sudsidy		926.25	
Equipment and Service		579.82	
Superintendent's Home (Building program, and rent)		16,852.10	
Annuities and Bonds		648.52	
Meetings		577.28	
Miscellaneous:			
Audit		300.00	
Literature and Manuals		576.25	
Other Miscellaneous Expense		453.00	
Transfer to Scholarship Fund		1,162.00	
			44,492.74
Balance December 31, 1949			$ 4,015.68

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH,
Treasurer.

WALTER F. OWEN
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
BURLINGTON, N. C.
MARCH 14, 1950

The Executive Board
The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches
Elon College, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

We have prepared a statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the Southern Convention Office and George D. Colclough, Treasurer, for the period from April 1, 1948 to December 31, 1949. This report is a consolidation of our two previous audits for the periods ending March 31, 1949 and December 31, 1949.

In Exhibit A we show a summary of all receipts and disbursements for the twenty-one-month period. You will note that the total receipts of $250,801.75 includes transfers of the balances of the Home and Foreign Mission accounts as well as the Convention Office balance. These transfers were made in process of consolidating the accounts.

Exhibit B shows the receipts and disbursements of the convention fund for the twenty-one-month period.

We note also that your operating budget for the Convention Office and personnel is still on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. We would recommend that this budget year be put on a calendar year with your operations. Thus, you would be able to obtain better comparative figures.

Respectfully,
/s/ WALTER F. OWEN, C.P.A.
OWEN AND HOGAN
Certified Public Accountants

Upon motion the Treasurer's report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Educational Secretary was presented by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, as follows:

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

This report of my first seven months as Educational Secretary summarizes meetings and other activities participated in.

I—WOMEN'S WORK

I. *The Southern Convention Women's Board Meeting* and frequent conferences with Mrs. Paris, the President, and the Department Superintendents.

2 The *Annual Fall Meetings* of the North Carolina and the Eastern Virginia Women's Conferences. (In July, while still with the Missions Council, I attended the Annual Meeting of the Valley of Virginia Women's Conference.)

3. The regular fall meeting of the *North Carolina Women's Board* and a *call meeting of the Eastern Virginia Women* at the Eastern Virginia Conference, with other conferences from time to time with the president, Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

4. *District meetings with local presidents* in North Carolina and Eastern Virginia as follows: Asheboro, Henderson-Wake-Durham, Greensboro, Burlington, Norfolk, Suffolk and Waverly.

5. This year the *Spring Rallies* were combined so that one meeting was held in each of the three Conferences and were in the form of *Family Life Institutes*. This was arranged in order to have the services of Dr. Paul Reynolds, National Family Life Secretary.

6. *Book reviews* on the current mission theme were given in the following places: Albemarle, Carolina (Burlington District chairmen, Berea and Hopewell societies attending), Franklin, (Holy Neck and Union attending), Hebron (Union, Virgilina attending), Bay View (Second and Little Creek Churches attending), Pfafftown (combined with Sunday morning church service), and Union Ridge.,Book review meetings arranged and attended at Wake Chapel and Liberty, Vance, involving all of the women of those two Districts.

7. Helped to organize *new socities* at Hebron and Shallow Ford and assisted, by providing literature and program suggestions, in the organization of three other new socities.

8. The Women's Packet for 1950-51 is being prepared and will be ready for sale at the School of Missions in June. Meetings of the Convention Literature Committee as well as individual conferences with the State Chairman of Literature have been held.

II—YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

1. *A Fall Planning Conference* of the officiers and counselors of the *Souther Convention Young People was* held at Elon College, with call meetings of the officers and "conferences" with the president from time to time.

2. At least one *Rally* has been held in each of the *five* Conferences of the Convention, with a special meeting of the officers to plan the program in each case. In *Eastern Virginia* there have been two conference-wide meetings, the Young People's Missionary Society in the fall and the spring Pilgrim Fellowship Rally.

3. There have been about a dozen new *young people's socities* and I have assisted by attending the organization meetings of five of these and follow-up meetings of the program committees.

4. *Student work* A student conference in North Carolnia was set up for early January, but had to be cancelled because of Saturday classes in too many colleges. We are determined to hold one next year! I met with the students at Woman's College, Greensboro. I have had frequent conferences with individuals in the Student Christian Association and Ministeral Association at Elon, and worked with Dr. Reynolds in arranging chapel speakers when special workers have been in the Convention in connection with our general work.

5. We report a most successful Young Adult Conference held on a week-end in March in the Winston-Salem Church, with Dr. Paul Reynolds as guest leader.

6. The young people have worked hard to secure $600.00 for an *Overseas Worker in Europe* this summer, and are grateful to all who have helped in this project. Max Vestal, freshman and ministerial student at Elon College, and member of our Asheboro Church, was selected by the Convention Committee and has been accepted by the Congregational Christian Service Committee. Interest and enthusiam have grown so much that they now plan to send A. D. and Jean Cobb, of our Burlington Church, for a month in a work camp in our Puerto Rico Mission. They have also been officially appointed by the Service Committee.

7. Plans are well under way for *Student Summer Service Work* this year and seven workers have already been selected and schedules are being set up.

III—General Christian Education

1. A meeting of the Convention *Board of Christian Education* was held at Elon College, and "conferences" with Dr. Dollar, the Chairman, and others on the Board held throughout the year.

2. *College Day* was observed by a large number of our churches on the first Sunday in February, with good use of the special program prepared for the occasion. Speakers and members of the Music Department at Elon were scheduled in all churches desiring them.

3. The *Summer Conference Committee* of the Board of Christian Education has met several times, and planning sessions with each of the deans and directors of the Summer Conferences and camps have been held. I have also attended the meetings arranged by the Chairman of the Committee in charge of the Elon School of Missions.

4. A summer conference *poster* has been prepared and mailed to the churches.

5. A meeting of the *Committee on Children's Work* was held to select Vacation Church School text books and to plan training institutes this spring.

6. *Leadership Training Schools* have been held in the Norfolk and Suffolk Districts in the Eastern Virginia Conference and in Burlington for the sixteen churches in Alamance County. Plans are in the making at the present time for new schools in Sanford, North Carolina, and in the Virgilina, Virginia, area.

7. The latest series of meetings was held from April 16 through the 30th and were combined Christian Education and Vocation Church School Institutes with Miss Grace Storms of the Division of Christian Education as special guest. We had excellent volunteer teachers in Mrs. W. J. Andes, Miss Julia Woodson, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. Mark Andes and Miss Dorothy Foltz. The first of these institutes was combined with a retreat for Sunday School superintendents and teachers arranged by Mr. S. H. Pell, President of the Western North Carolina Sunday School Convention, and was held in the Asheboro Church. Others were held at Burlington, Reidsville, Liberty, Vance, and Wake Chapel and Sanford, in North Carolina; and at Rosemont, Suffolk and Waverly in Eastern Virginia. Altogether, sixty churches were represented at these institutes.

IV—Itineraries For Missionaries

1. *Rev. and Mrs. Joseph L. Moulton* of Ahmednagar, India were delighted with their meeting in this area and when they left asked if they could return sometime and visit all the churches missed on this trip!

2. *Miss Frances Thompson* of the Philippine Islands said this was the nicest few days she had ever had on a "speaking tour."

3. Three meetings have been arranged for *Junichi Nakamura,* teacher at Kobe College, Japan, who is now a graduate at Duke University; also several meetings for *Timothy Chang,* and for *Dr. Ralph Shrader* to speak one time to the Eastern North Carolina Young People's Rally.

V—General Meetings

I have attended the following *general meetings*s the annual Conference sessions in Eastern Virginia, Eastern North Carolina, Western North Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, and the mid-year Conference in the Valley of Virginia; two meetings each of the Executive Board and the Mission Board of the Southern Conven-

tion, the Evangelism Conference, Christian Worker's Conference, and the state meeting of the Universalist Women of North Carolina. There have been Committee meetings galore including the following: The Evangelical and Reformed Church Summer Conference Committee and the meeting of their Executive Committee with our Congregational Christian Officers; special meetings with Supt. Stanley and the Director of Religious Education of the Negro Churches; a Conference in Chapel Hill for Displaced Persons, along with numerous ones held in connection with our regular work.

Most visits to *local churches* have been in connection with group meetings or book reviews, but I should like especially to mention the anniversary banquet of the women at Newport News, a Christmas party at the Reidsville church, a young adult banquet at Burlington and the Harvest Festival at Union Ridge.

VI—Office Work

Office work is our biggest problem. There is a constant flow of routine letters with request for special help about dozens of different subjects and special days; the checking in and out of Visual Aid materials; sale of literature and books; with the mimeographing of programs and letters promoting our various meetings. At this point I want to add my personal thanks to Melva Foster, student at Elon College, for her help in office work. She is as "good as they come," but the office work is beyond both of us!

I cannot close this report without adding my appreciation for the amazing amount of volunteer work done by our people in the Convention, and done in the finest of spirit, with genuine concern for our common tasks. I have thoroughly enjoyed these seven months and look forward to a full and rich summer in our camps and conferences, the Sunday School Conventions, and in working with the Student Summer workers as they do their assigned work throughout the five Conferences.

Respectfully submitted,
Pattie Lee Coghill,
Educational Secretary.

Upon motion Miss Coghill's report was received and made a part of the Convention records.

Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave the first reading of the Finance Committee's report, which will receive consideration and vote of the Convention on Wednesday.

The report of the Historian was given by Dr. C. E. Newman. Upon motion Dr. Newman's report was received and made a part of the Convention records.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

The 1900 session of the Southern Christian Convention was held at Franklin, Va. Four conferences were represented. The Twentieth Century Fund caused much discussion. The sum of $1,520.00 was in hand for the Orphanage; $2,756.00 for Foreign Missions. All conference contributions were increasing. The Christian Missionary Association had in hand $1,712.00 and work was to begin in Newport News, Va. Elon College during the ten years of its service had graduated fifty-six and twenty-six young men had entered the ministry. The goal for the Twentieth Century Fund was placed at $20,000,00. A Book Depository was established with Dr. J. O. Atkinson in charge. At the close of the 19th century the convention had been functioning for forty-three years. There had been times of disaster and discouragement, however, much had been accomplished. Here are some of the statistics for 1899: The amount raised for Home Missions $1,616.71; for Foreign Missions $748.16; for Home and Foreign Missions and pastors salaries $18,204.69. The Orphanage was not established. Elon College was in its tenth year. The cost of buildings for the College was $50,675.00. Other assets $23,577.00; total assets $74,250.00. Our membership was at this time for the church 10,126 and for our Sunday Schools 6,000. The value of our church property was $200,000.00.

From 1899 to 1950 Our progress is gratifying. Here are the statistics for the year 1949; total membership, 34,725; number of parsonages, 71; churches, 195; pastoral units, 97; value of church property, $4,301,112.00; add to this the Elon College plant, $2,000,000.00; the Orphanage, $225,000.00, and we have a total of $6,526,152.00. Pastor's salaries during this year totaled $197.066.00; a gain over 1948 of $17,000.00. The average pastor's salary for full time service was $2,500.00; local finances in five conferences, $658,389.00. Missions, Convention enterprises and miscellaneous benevolences, $152,764.00, making a total of $811,153.00. One hundred and sixteen of the churches spent for improvements in 1948-49, $264,483.00. Our Sunday School membership totaled 22,330. In 1949 the women raised $13,580.00 for Home and Foreign Missions and for relief and reconstruction $3,202.00, making a total of $16,710.00.

The Executive Board of the Convention, is session at Elon College on October 12, 1948, made history for the entire church in making provisions for the preservation and the perpetual upkeep of the family cemetery in which James O'Kelly is buried in Chatham County, N. C.

During the past biennium some interest has been shown in the improvement of the Church History room in the Library Building at Elon College. The late Major MacClenny donated some very valuable historical papers. Among other things given, there are a collection of books, papers and annuals by Mrs. Ivy Andes Frank, collected over a number of years by her late husband, B. F. Frank.

The Laymen's Fellowship launched by our laymen at the 1948 convention is growing in interest and numbers. Six hundred laymen attended their rally held at Elon College on Sunday, January 29, 1950.

The Christian Worker's Conference held at Elon the last of January and largely attended is another evidence that there are many in our church willing to have a part in the carrying on of the work of Christ's Kingdom through the agency of the church.

C. E. NEWMAN.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Chairman, presented the report of the Board of Publications.

Upon motion the Business Committee was instructed to find a time for consideration and adoption of this report on Wednesday.

The afternoon session adjourned at 5:30 with the benediction by Dr. N. G. Newman.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION

A special program of music was presented by members of the Elon College Singers.

In the absence of Dr. F. C. Lester, Chairman, the Mission Board report was presented by Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Vice-Chairman, as follows:

MISSION BOARD REPORT

A generation ago men of vision like John R. Mott and Robert E. Speer set out on a crusade to "Evangelize the World in this Generation." It is easy to say that they did not succeed; but they made it necessary to translate the Bible into more than a thousand languages and dialects and established churches in every part of the world.

We are among those who walk the Emmaus Road, doing little ourselves except wishing that they had succeeded in bringing the Kingdom of Christ to earth. "We had hoped" that Japanese would worship our Christ, that China would become a nation of Christian homes, that India's hungry would find food for body and soul, that the Great Light would shine in the "dark continent," and that the United States would lead the world in Christian ideals. But when this did not happen just as we had hoped, we let our faith fade, decided to be "practical," made more gadgets for our comfort and lived in the lap of luxury. But we are not happy about the situation for always we have a disturbed heart.

The one hope for our distressed world is for Christian ideals to become effective in individual, community, national and international life. This we know; but our works seldom tally with this knowledge.

Let us take the calendar year 1949 as an example. Our churches, Sunday schools and women's organizations contributed to the regular missionary program of the Church $23,452.54 for Home Missions and $20,084.88 for Foreign Missions (includes Shaowu gifts). By adding several "specials" including $4,922.25 for foreign missions from the Reidsville Church, the totals amount to $24,205.27 for Home Missions and $28,910.70 for Foreign Missions. If we divide this by the number of our church members, we find that on the average each gave seventy cents a year, or six cents a month to Home Missions, and eighty-three cents a year, or seven cents a month to Foreign Missions.

We talk about building new churches in these United States and especially in North Carolina and Virginia, and we talk about making the world Christian rather than Communist. But it is hardly reasonable to believe that either of these things will happen so long as our contributions are so meager.

Those interested in the detailed financial statement of the activities of the Mission Board can find the figures in the report of the treasurer, who is also the treasurer of the Southern Convention. Your board has been trying to get shifted to the calendar year for its fiscal year and henceforth reports will be made on that basis.

In setting up a budget for 1950 it appeared to be necessary to make contributions to our work at Asheboro, Bay View, Belew Creek-Salem Chapel, Carroll County, Chapel Hill, Elon Community, Franklinton, First, Lynchburg, Pleasant Ridge (WNC), Providense Chapel (WNC), Richmond, Sanford, Seagrove, Union (Southampton), four Valley of Virginia pastorates, Windsor, Winston-Salem, and Zion, amounting to a total of $18,243. For the Convention Office, *The Christian Sun,* and administrative expenses the budget allows approximatey $3,000. To the Home Boards of the denomination is allocated $2,500. When added together these items amount to $23,693. We want to start two new churches in the Burlington area. To this end there is $8,000 in the budget. Where will this money come from? You can see that we will need to receive in 1950 more than the $23,452.54 received in 1949 if this is to become a reality.

The situation in Shaowu, China, in which we are so vitally interested, is difficult to appraise. We do know that the Jacksons, the Riggs, and Miss Burr are still at work in China. We must not fail them in this critical hour.

In every one of the foreign mission fields of the American Board the call is for more missionaries, more Bibles and other materials, more support for national workers. This is the Christian opportunity for "saving the world." And yet giving on the average of 83 cents a year can not possibly do it. How fine it would be if we each gave to foreign missions an average of $8.43 as the members of our Reidsville Church did in 1949. What a difference it would make in the Christianizing of the world!

Your Mission Board is anxious to lead you in service to the churches and people of the United States and in establishing Christianity throughout the world. When a generation arises in America that will contribute to the missionary program voluntarily as much as this generation now contributes through taxation to a war program, that generation will witness the establishment of world-wide Christianity, human brotherhood, and the overthrow of atheism in whatever form it may be found. Your Mission Board would like for that generation to be ours!

F. C. LESTER, *Chairman.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
APRIL 1, 1948—MARCH 31, 1950

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS

Balance April 1, 1948	$ 1,700.70
Income from Churches, Individuals and The Woman's Convention	35,359.00
Total to December 31, 1949	$ 37,059.70
Income January-Febraury-March, 1950	3,261.12
Total to March 31, 1950	$ 40,320.82

FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS

Balance April 1, 1948	$ 6,001.66
Income from Churches, Individual and The Woman's Convention	49,973.17
Total to December 31, 1949	$ 55,974.83
Income January-Febraury-March, 1950	7,272.87
Total to March 31, 1950	$ 63,247.70
Grand total receipts and balances for Home and Foreign Missions for biennium	$103,568.52
Receipts 1946-48 Biennium	79,575.00
Gain	$ 23,993.52

In addition to the regular income of the Board, the income for C. W. V. R. and Relief and Reconstruction for the 1948-50 Biennium was $10,691.15.

For the official record of the Convention it should be noted that during the period September 1, 1948 through December 31, 1949, the Mission Board has disbursed Home Mission funds to the following churches:

Salary Aid—Bay View $787.50, Belew Creek $266.64, Burlington (new) $65.36, Carroll County $875.82, Chapel Hill $1,166.64, Elon College Community $999.92, Lynchburg $666.56, Pleasant Ridge $133.32, Seagrove $96.00 Union (Sou.) $800.00, Valley No. 1 $290.00, Valley No. 2 $360.00, Valley No. 3 $240.00, Valley No. 4 $292.50, Valley No. 5 $320.00, W. N. C. Pastorates, Richard Cook $30.00, George T. Gunter $450.00, Fred Allred $90.00, Winston-Salem $1,600.00.

Building Aid—Asheville $200.00, Asheboro $1,000.00, Bay View (Parsonage) $3,000.00, Carroll County (parsonage) $25.00, Graham—Prov. Memorial $200.00, High Point $433.39, Hopewell $750.00, Pleasant Cross $51.90, Winston-Salem $150.00, Zion $207.95.

From September 1, 1948 to December 31, 1949. The Mission Board sent $29,-134.45 to the American Board for Foreign Missions and sent $2,096.34 to the Board of Home Missions, New York, for National Home Missions.

I wish to pay tribute to pastors of the five conferences who have served with the Mission Board in churches aided by the Board.

The members of the Mission Board have been faithful in the discharge of their responsibilities and deserve the thanks of this Convention.

I desire to express the appreciation of the Mission Board to the devoted women of our Convention. They have not only given generously to the cause of Missions, but they have done a splendid job in missionary education.

The Mission Board has a big job assigned to it in the face of the great opportunity offered us in the Convention for the establishing new churches in communities where our witness is needed, in helping part time churches to have the full time services of pastors, in providing assistance for the erection of adequate buildings and in providing funds and missionaries to carry the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to a world which is divided, torn, afraid and sin-sick. Let us pray, give and serve through our Mission Board that we may prove our worth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

WILLIAM T. SCOTT,
Executive Secretary.

Pending the adoption of the report, greetings were brought by Timothy Chang, Shaowu, China, ministerial student at Duke Divinity School, a letter was read from Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson and the following telegram was read from Dr. F. C. Lester:

Winter Park, Florida. Greetings: World conditions demand Christian forward thrust. Many churches and missionaries needed. Challenge Convention raise half million mission dollars by 1953. Let Christ and Communists know we care. Average fifteen dollars per church member by 1953 not impossible. Suggest continue proposed apportionments and balance specials. King's business demands work now.

The Mission Board report was adopted.

The President instructed the Secretary to send official greetings of the Convention to Dr. Lester and wish for him a speedy recovery of his health.

The report of the Woman's Convention was presented by Mrs. O. H. Paris:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION

As we bring you a resume of the work accomplished by the Woman's Convention during the 1947-49 biennium, we do so with a humble spirit and yet with great joy in our hearts.

If we turn back the pages of history and look over the records of the Woman's Convention since its organization in 1912—thirty-eight years ago—it is amazing how far we have come. Ideals and goals which then were vague dreams have become a living reality. The Woman's work has grown in every avenue through which it ministers, with varied gifts and traditions, the ever enlarging fellowship has found and met new opportunities and greater challenges.

During the biennium all rallies and conferences have been held with a definite increase in attendance and interest. The Annual School of Missions scheduled for July, 1948, had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of polio in our area.

The Nineteenth Biennium Session of the Woman's Convention and the Fourth Annual School of Missions was held in joint session at Elon College, June 13-15, 1949. The sessions were full of inspiration and challenge. The keynote speaker was the Moderator of the General Council, Miss Helen Kenyon, other speakers and leaders being of the same high calibre.

The Treasurer's report showed a new high in giving. It revealed that the Women of The Southern Convention had contributed $35,440.39 to the church's program and missionary enterprise during the two years. A gain of $1,865.80 over the previous biennium.

During the biennium many Friendly Service gifts have been sent to Franklinton, Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico, Fort Berthold Indian Mission, Japan, The Christian Orphanage and clothing for overseas relief.

The Thank Offering, we call our "second mile gift" because it is over and above the local society's apportionment giving. The 1947 Thank Offering was designated to help build the Southern Convention Superintendent's home. In 1948 it was given to Relief and Reconstruction.

The Life Membership and Memorial fund, also over and above the regular giving, for the past three years has been used for Timothy Chang's seminary education at Duke Divinity School. Here the Women are having the joy of literally seeing their dollars at work—seeing the work of their hands established in the fine personality and manhood of Timothy Chang. It has been one of the most satisfying experiences we have even known.

The Woman's Convention has also given financial aid to our Young People's Summer Camps, to the Youth's Overseas Work Camp project.

A large number of our local societies have joined each year with the women of other denominations in observance of World Day of Prayer, World Community Day and May Fellowship Day—three special days when we feel a "oneness" with the wider fellowship of Christian Women at home and around the world.

In closing this report I speak for the women of our entire fellowship when I pledge you our support in a "new togetherness' for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in all the areas of human life.

Mrs. O. H. PARIS, *President,*
Woman's Convention.

The report was received and made a part of the Convention records.

Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Vice-President, Board of Home Missions, New York, addressed the Convention on the subject, "Signs of Rebirth in Protestantism."

Dr. W. B. O'Neill, Chairman of the Business Committee, moved that the Wednesday morning schedule be arranged so that the report of Pilgrim Fellowship come at 9:15, the Board of Christian Education at 9:20, the consideration of the report of the Board of Publications and *The Christian Sun* at 9:45, and report of Elon College at 10:15. This was voted.

Upon motion the Convention adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9:00 a. m. The benediction was given by Dr. Stanley C. Harrell.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Wednesday morning session was called to order at 9:00 a. m. by Dr. John G. Truitt, President. After the singing of a hymn, Rev. S. E. Madren conducted the worship service.

The report of Pilgrim Fellowship was presented, as follows:

REPORT FROM THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

At this moment the young people of the Convention are strongly led by fine sets of officers in the five conferences. There is a reason for confidence in view of the leadership which can be forwarded. All phases of tomorrow's church will be affected by the quality of training given to youth.

As a means to further unity, officers and young people and adult counsellors of the Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship and the Eastern Virginia Missionary Society have been conferring on the possibilities of forming one youth organization in that conference. A joint meeting of these two groups will be held this summer for the purpose of taking final action.

We know of new youth groups which have been organized in local churches in the past two years. Some groups have undertaken an outstanding part in their own church. The story of individual and group effort among young people would give courage for the future. Here is the backbone of whatever we do collectively.

Student Summer Service has brought together many young people who were interested in a worthwhile summer of Christian service. They have assisted in summer camps and directed vacation Bible schools.

Summer conferences and camps continue to inspire and influence youth of the Convention.

The Southern Convention was represented at the Sixth National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship by five young people and one counsellor. At this meeting in Defiance, Melva Foster was elected a Member-at-Large.

Baxter Twiddy volunteered for overseas work with the American Friends Service Committee last summer. He was a member of a work camp in Germany.

Melva Foster was largely responsible for gathering materials used in the Youth Packet and also for compiling the Plan Book.

Officers of the Southern Convention Youth Council elected for the biennium are: C. Baxter Twiddy, president; Richard Smith, vice-president; Helen Jackson, secretary; John Truitt, Jr., treasurer; Melva Foster, Missionary Action Chairman; Lois Long, Social Action Chairman; Evelyne Moore Graham, International Action Chairman; Fleta Moffitt, Personal Action Chairman; Dorothy Scott, Junior High Chairman and Counsellors: Mrs. W. B. Williams, Rev. W. J. Andes, Rev. James Allan and Rev. Fred Eutsler and Ann Truitt, editor of the *Youth Outreach*.

In recent months much attention has been given to sending a person to an European work camp. We believe that we may also send two others to Puerto Rico work camp. Final selection of candidates rests with the National Work Camp office. A fund-raising campaign has been successful.

C. BAXTER TWIDDY,
President, Youth Council.

Voted that the report be received and admitted to record.

The report of the Board of Christian Education was presented by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The responsibilities assigned to the Board of Christian Education by the Convention have been faced with faith, and the results obtained have been encouraging.

The Plan of setting up the program of the board on the basis of its specific fields of interest, assigning responsibilities to special groups has been carried forward during the biennium with greater success than in previous years.

1. *Children's Division*—Mrs. W. J. Andes has served as chairman of this group and has led this section in a very helpful manner. A great many services have been offered the churches through their work.

2. *Young People's Division*—The Rev. Kenneth D. Register has served as chairman of this Division. Time and emphasis have been given to the work of our young people, especially our summer programs of camps and conferences.

Not having the services of a Field Worker multiplied the work of those responsible for the setting up of Daily Vacation Bible Schools, securing Student Summer Service personnel and lining up the schedules for the workers. The eight Student Summer Service workers spent almost all their time in rural church schools, where without their help the schools could not have been held.

3. *Adult Division*—This is the only area in which no promotional work was done. About the time we were ready to begin the work, the Chairman of the division moved away and we were not able to get the work properly organized around another individual.

4. *Dvision of Higher Education*—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman served as chairman of this special division, and much helpful work was done. Articles were carried in *The Christian Sun* making suggestions to the churches and encouraging them to promote the cause of Elon College in our churches.

5. *Leadership Training*—The Rev. Robert Lee House served as chairman of this division, and while the areas of endeavor were not quite so clear as in the other divisions, some constructive work was done, and many articles appeared in *The Christian Sun* bearing on the subject of trained workers in and for our churches and Sunday Schools.

We heartily commend Miss Coghill for the vigorous program she has developed so far and the enthusiasm and cooperation she is able to obtain for the work she is doing. We call upon our pastors, Sunday School superintenednts and Woman's Missionary Societies to continue their cooperation.

We commend the churches and individuals who have made possible the pledging of the entire $100,000 to the Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Foundation. Approximately $90,000 has been paid to date. We wish to commend the plan recommended to this session of the convention by the Finance Committee, setting a goal of $1.00 per member for the constituency, which, coupled with the conference apportionments from the churches, would afford a sustaining fund of $50,000 annually for Elon College.

We would refer the Board of Christian Education and the Woman's Convention to recommendations 1 and 2, of our report to the last convention, since the subject of those recommendations will greatly aid the selection and training of young women for specialized work in our churches and on the mission fields. Those recommendations appear on page 3 of the ANNUAL for 1948.

Respectfully submitte,

JESSE H. DOLLAR.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

APRIL 1, 1948 - DECEMBER 31, 1949.

Receipts.

Balance on hand March 31, 1948		$ 2,400.08
Received from Convention Office	$ 9,419.36	
Returned on money advanced to Young People's Summer Conference	4.16	
F. C. Lester, balance on Pilgrim Fellowship Fund (E. Va.)	330.00	
Valley Virginia Conference, payment on D.V.B.S. Supplies	2.90	
Transfer from Young People's Camp Fund	16.40	
Registration fees, Young People's Conference	762.85	
Board and Room, books and other supplies received from Student Summer Conference	1,281.34	
		11,817.01
Total Receipts		$14,217.09

Disbursements.

Literature	$ 235.55	
Programs and posters and postage	66.25	
Summer Student Service	1,186.62	
Convention Fund	8,250.00	
Expense of Treasurer, Kenneth D. Register	64.69	
Betty Chicoine	60.00	
Business Manager of Elon College	4.00	
Dietician of Elon College	14.30	
Southern Convention refund, Cypress Chapel	13.00	
School of Missions	92.44	
Board of Publications (Christian Sun)	200.00	
James Allen	12.50	
Melvin Bunch	51.00	
Travel and Expenses: Oliver Powell $30, John Gwin $12, Jesse Dollar $3.75, Mrs. W. J. Andes $3.60, Rev. S. E. Madren $12.75, R. L. House $14.00, Carl Dollar $3.30, Stanley C. Harrell $2.25, F. C. Lester $3, W. J. Andes $3, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman $1, R. T. Grissom $3.60, Andrew Cheng $25.00, W. E. Wisseman $7.50, Johnson Griffin $14.60, H. S. Hardcastle $14.80, T. G. Humphries $15, R. A. Whitten $7.50, John C. Peeler $5, Cash (pooled expensse and meals), $41.63	223.28	
Travel and Expenses to Lakeside Conference	242.50	
Thomas W. Morse (reg. for camp)	5.00	
Lakeside Conference Registration fees	15.00	
Holland Taylor, Buglar S. Conf.	10.00	
Burlington, Sunday School refund S. Conf.	10.00	
Elon College (Cut for S. Conf.)	2.79	
George D. Colclough, refund to Mt. Olivet	8.00	
Jesse Dollar Summer Conf. Supplies and Misc. expense	21.07	
Elon College (Room & Board S. Conf.)	1,199.50	
		11,987.49
Balance December 31, 1949		$ 2,229.60

K. D. REGISTER, TREASURER.

Voted that the report be adopted.

The report of the Ministerial Scholarship Fund was given by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The Southern Convention in Session at Liberty, Vance, Church, 1948 (Item 10, Report of the Committee on Finance), voted:

"That the awarding of scholarships to college and seminary students be the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education and that such scholarships be granted only to ministerial students and students who are preparing for other types of full time Christian service who are properly certified and recommended by the Con ferences of which they are members; and the Board of Christian Education make report annually either to the Executive Board of the Convention or to the Convention itself relative to the status of the Scholarship Fund and the scholastic achievements of the holders of said scholarships."

The Executive Board at its meeting in April, 1949, adopted the following policy and recommendations with regard to the administration of the Ministerial Scholarhsip Fund:

I. Those who receive scholarships shall execute a negotiable note, carrying satisfactory collateral endorsement, to the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from date of execution, subject also to the following conditions:

(1) Purpose to pursue his educational preparation at least to the equivalent of a four-year standard college course. Failure to meet this requirement will render previously granted aid due and payable in equal installments over the same number of years such aid has been granted.

(2) That the grantee continue in full-time Christian service in the Congregational Christian denomination (or its successor).

(3) Provided further that such an individual continues in full-time Christian service in the Congregational Christian denomination (or its successor), for a period of five consecutive years after graduation from college or seminary, the notes in the above requirements shall be cancelled together with all interest due.

II. Scholarships shall be granted under the following conditions:

(1) The applicant shall be and remain a member of some local Congregational Christian Church (or its successor) and shall be properly certified and recommended for scholarship aid by the Conference of which his church is a member.

(2) Applicant must be enrolled in a recognized college or seminary approved by the Scholarship Committee.

(3) Applicant shall be making satisfactory scholastic progress, which would mean the passing of at least 4/5 of his courses; but having an average grade of not less than "C" on all courses would have a distinct bearing with the Committee on grants.

(4) Grants will be made only to those individuals who are unable in person or through parents or guardians to pay the necessary expense of the foregoing requirements.

III. We recommend that the Southern Convention appoint a Committee of three (3) from the Board of Christian Education to be designated as "The Committee on Scholarships," and that such a Committee be empowered to make loans or grants, and be responsible for proper investigations of applicants, be charged with the responsibility of seeing that the above conditions are current in the case of each grantee, and charged further with the collection of all amounts due from time to time, and report fully to the Board of Christian Education at its regular meetings.

(1) That the Board of Christian Education be asked to draw up a suitable blank for these transactions.

It will be noted that the above recommendations provided for Scholarships on a signed negotiable note basis. In accordance with its interpretation of the Scholarship Fund the Executive Board on October 11, 1949, passed the following vote:

"It is the sense of this Board that the Committee on Ministerial Scholarships is empowered to make grants for *Work Scholarships* and to prepare blanks for making such applications, the work to be done under the guidance of the Convention Superintendent; loans and other grants to be secured by notes as outlined at the April, 1949, meeting of this Board.

"It is recommended that applications be filed with the Superintendent and the Chairman of the Scholarship Fund (Board of Christian Education); also a certification from the Pastor that work has been done which would entitle a student to a *Work Scholarship Grant.*"

Blanks have been prepared as authorized and the Board of Christian Education has designated its Chairman and two other members to constitute the Committee on Ministerial Scholarship Fund.

It should be stated that the Eastern Virginia Conference does not participate in this Fund, but retains its own Scholarship Fund to "be placed at the disposal of the Committee on Ministerial Education to be administered at its discretion." (1946 Minutes, Eastern Virginia Conference.)

We submit the financial statement from the Treasurer of the Convention.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
APRIL 1, 1948 TO MARCH 31, 1949.

Receipts.

Balance April 1, 1948	$1,150.00
Eastern North Carolina	12.00
Churches	100.50
North Carolina & Virginia Conference	500.00
Total Receipts	$1,762.50

Disbursements.

(None)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
APRIL 1, 1949 TO DECEMBER 31, 1949.

Receipts.

Balance April 1, 1949	$1,762.50
Churches	483.44
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	500.00
Total Receipts	$2,745.94

Disbursements.

James W. Madren	$ 100.00	
James R. Hailey	200.00	
William T. Scott, Jr.	200.00	
Board of Christian Education, printing	21.00	
G. C. White, Treasurer, Eastern Virginia Conference	131.15	
C. Fred Allred	100.00	
John R. Lackey	100.00	
R. V. Powell, Treasurer, North Carolina & Virginia Conference	90.00	
		$ 942.15
Balance—December 31, 1949		$1,803.79

SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
JANUARY 1, 1950 TO APRIL 15, 1950.

Receipts.

Balance—December 31, 1949	$1,803.79
Churches	110.85
Total Receipts	$1,914.64

Disbursements.

James W. Madren—Work Scholarship 3-31-50	$ 100.00	
Martin Fogleman—Special note 4-3-50	223.50	
C. Fred Allred—Work Scholarship 4-5-50	100.00	
Warren Matthews—Work Scholarship 4-14-50	100.00	
		523.50
Balance—April 15, 1950		$1,391.14

MABEL RACHEL, *Bookkeeper.*

Voted that the report be adopted.

The Minutes of the Tuesday session were read and approved.

On motion it was voted that Supt. Scott be authorized, as soon as possible, to have the Convention Charter amended to comply with the proper wording as voted by the Convention.

Voted that the Secretary send greetings to the following ministers who are absent from this Convention because of illness: Revs. B. J. Earp, J. F. Morgan, J. L. Neese, D. P. Barrett, D. R. Moffitt.

The report of the Editor of THE CHRISTIAN SUN was presented by Rev. R. L. House.

The report of the Managing Editor, Mr. John T. Kernodle, was presented, as follows:

REPORT OF MANAGING EDITOR

In the report submitted by the managing editor last year was the significant statement: "Up to the present time, this biennium, the paper has had no deficit." Realizing that such a condition could not continue in the face of rapidly rising costs, we recommended to the Board of Publications that they in turn recommend to the Convention an increase in subscription rates which, though less than those being made by many similar publications, would be likely to avoid a deficit during the ensuing biennium. The rate of $5.00 for two years would also have reduced the work required in the Convention Office leaving that much additional time for other activities.

The Board, however, refused to recommend the increase, and instead, recommended that the price remain at $2.00 per year. As the minutes will show, however, their recommendation was deleted from their report, and the report then adopted. Someone asked for a vote showing whether or not an increase would be favorably received. This vote showed a substantial majority in its favor. It was later rescinded by a majority vote of those present on Thursday, but by a much smaller vote than that by which it was carried. However, in the adoption of the writer's report the Board was given the power to regulate rates in the future. Twice your managing editor conceived it his duty to again recommend an increase, but as you know no such action was taken, as the Board was reluctant to assume the authority. Thus, in spite of the excellent job done by the subscription department during the biennium, there is at present a deficit as shown in the report of the Board.

Your managing editor has purposely avoided making any recommendations at this time. However, he and Superintendent Scott, with the approval of the chairman of the Board, Dr. Wisseman, have compiled some statistics which we believe will be informative. If *The Sun* is to serve its purpose in disseminating information to our constituency, it seems to us that the Convention should adopt a definite program and provide adequate means for carrying it out.

J. T. KERNODLE,
Managing Editor.

On motion it was voted to amend Section 5 of the report of the Board of Publications to read "that the subscription price of THE CHRISTIAN SUN be $3.00 per year or two years for $5.00, effective July 1, 1950.

On motion it was voted that the deficit and further recommendations of the Board of Publications be referred to the Board with power to act.

Voted to adopt the report of the Board of Publications, as amended, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

The report of the Treasurer of the Board will give to the Convention something of the problem which we face with regard to *The Christian Sun.*

REPORT OF TREASURER.
APRIL 1, 1948 TO JANUARY 5, 1950.

Cash on hand, April 1, 1948:		
Current Funds		$ 643.73
Endowment Funds		151.45
Total cash on hand April 1, 1948		$ 795.18
($600.00 also invested in U. S. Bonds, Series G)		
Receipts.		
Subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*	$7,119.29	
Boards, Institutions	5,424.82	
Obituaries, cuts, gifts, advertising	169.42	
Sale of Annuals	1,992.90	
Interest on Bonds (Endowment)	25.00	
		14,731.43
Total cash received		$15,526.61
Disbursements.		
General Expenses	$ 94.04	
Central Publishing Co., Annuals	2,004.45	
Central Publishing Co., *The Sun*	11,583.07	
R. L. House, Editorial help	1,050.00	
		14,731.56
Balance on hand—January 5, 1950		$ 795.05
This Balance to be divided as follows:		
Current Funds	$ 618.60	
Endowment Funds	176.45	
	$ 795.05	

Check to Mr. George D. Colclough, the new Treasurer of the Board on January 5, 1950: $795.05.

W. J. ANDES, *Treasurer.*

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.
JANUARY 5, 1950 TO APTIL 27, 1950.

Receipts.

Subscriptions to The Christian Sun	$1,491.83
The Christian Orphanage	300.00
Board of Home Missions	124.98
Board of Foreign Missions	124.98
C.M.A.—Western Conference, E. Carl Brady, Secretary	11.55
Ad fee from Robert Lee House	20.00
Balance in Board of Publications transferred to Treasurer of Southern Conv.:	
Current funds	618.50
Endowment	176.55
Treasury of United States	1.25
Elon College—Appropriation to 12-31-49	450.00
Elon College—Special issue of The Sun	137.30
	$3,456.94

Disbursements.

George D. Colclough, Treas., Convention Fund for Christian Sun Christmas Campaign	$ 63.65	
Central Publishing Company—on account	1,350.00	
Bank Debit (Check from Florence N. Pell of Christian Sun subscription returned by bank)	2.00	
Editor's Expenses—Robert Lee House (Jan., Feb., Mar.)	150.00	
Meeting of Board of Publications	26.35	
		1,592.00
Balance		$1,864.94

This Balance to be divided as follows:

Current Funds	$1,687.14
Endowment	177.80
	$1,864.94

Due Central Publishing Company to 3-31-50		$3,922.54
Receivable to June 30, 1950 on appropriations:		
Elon College	$ 450.00	
Convention Fund	900.00	
Board of Christian Education	200.00	
Orphanage (May-June)	150.00	
Mission Board (Apr., May, June)	250.00	
Total	$1,950.00	

MABEL J. RACHEL, *Bookkeeper.*

It will be seen from this financial statement that we have to face an operating deficit constantly. The Convention Office carries the expense of postage and keeping the list of subscribers or our deficit would be considerably larger. The anticipated income from subscriptions for the biennium was $9,000. The actual income from April 1, 1948 to April 15, 1950 was $8,611.12. This and increase in printing cost account for the deficit.

There were 2,217 subscribers paid up to April 1, 1950. We send free 115 copies of *The Sun* as exchanges and to other persons. Subscriptions are carried for only one month past due date. From September 1948 to date between 650 and 700 subscribers failed to renew their subscriptions and therefore had to be cancelled. The Convention Office makes a zealous effort to get all subscribers to renew their subscriptions. One month prior to expiration the first notice is sent. Those not renewing by the date the subscription is due receives a second notice. On the 20th of that month a third notice is sent to those not renewing and the fourth notice is sent at the end of one month from due date saying the subscription is being cancelled and appealing for renewal. The failure of many subscribers to renew is doubtless the result of special campaigns which are not followed up in local churches one year later. We have in many of our churches *Christian Sun* agents who are doing an excellent job in securing new and renewal subscriptions. To these agents we wish to express our gratitude, and we appeal to all churches to designate agents that *The Christian Sun* may be kept before our people.

We have approximately 10,000 families in the Convention. We have at the present on our mailing list less than 2,000 persons in the Convention. We need *The Sun* for promotion of our church life and work. The loss of *The Sun* would be tragic to our fellowship, but it is certain we cannot continue to publish it without funds to pay the publisher. If we would really get behind *The Sun* in our churches we could lift the number of subscriptions to the number adequate to pay for it. We appeal to you for renewed and increased support.

We submit the following resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and ask you to reaffirm them:

1. That we reaffirm our appreciation of the long and useful service of *The Christian Sun* among our church constituency; that we express our confidence in the indis-

pensible service it can and will render in the coming years for the promotion of the enterprises of our church and for the welfare of our constituency; that we believe confidently in the ability and willingness of our church constituency to support *The Christian Sun* adequately.

2. That we commend the Editor, Managing Editor, and others responsible for the publication of *The Christian Sun* for their untiring efforts in the discharge of their duties.

3. That the Board of Publications with the Editor, Managing Editor and Convention Office study and put into effect at their discretion the constructive suggestions contained in the report of the special committee on ways and means of improving the quality of *The Christian Sun.*

4. That *The Christian Sun* be continued as a 16-page weekly publication.

5. That the subscription price be $3.00 per year, $5.00 for two years; that present discount to organizations of 10 per cent for renewals and 20 per cent for new subscriptions be continued.

6. That the Board of Publications and a special committee appointed by the Executive Board be charged with the responsibility of obtaining 100 *Christian Sun* sustaining memberships of $10.00 per year to help give perpetuity to *The Christian Sun.*

7. That the subscription goal for *The Christian Sun* be set at 5,000 and the Convention Office, with the cooperation of the Convention, Conference officials, pastors, churches, laymen's groups, and women's societies promote a subscription campaign in keeping with the resolution from the Valley Central Conference: "That a list of at least 2,500 laymen of our churches, who do not subscribe to *The Christian Sun* be secured and that they be appealed to by letter or in person to subscribe to *The Christian Sun.* That this Conference go on record as approving this plan and pledge its full cooperation."

8. That the Board of Publications with the Editor, Managing Editor, and the Convention Superintendent, be a committee to seek to supplement the income of *The Christian Sun* by obtaining suitable paid advertisements.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WISSEMAN, *Chairman,*
W. J. ANDES, *Secretary,*
T. FRED WRIGHT,
S. E. MADREN,
W. MILLARD STEVENS.

The following report of Elon College was given by Dr. L. E. Smith, President:

ELON COLLEGE REPORT TO THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION.

(ABBREVIATED.)

Elon College is happy to report that your college is in excellent condition. What the future holds for the small church college, no one could hazard even a guess. We all realize, however, that problems, difficult of solution, are confronting our church colleges. Elon College is no exception.

During the biennium, student enrollment has reached the high figure of 865. Enrollment for the current year is 851. Its faculty is adequate and excellent from the standpoint of academic training and classroom experience. During this period, the College has been able to meet its current budget promptly. Valuable additions have been made to its equipment. A new power house cost $135,000. Ten new faculty homes cost $110,000. A new gymnasium cost $245,000. All have been paid for, with the exception of the gymnasium. There is a balance of $115,000 due on this project. The Staley-Atkinson-Newman Memorial Fund of $100,000 has failed to reach its goal by a little more than $10,000.

The College counts it a privilege to cooperate with the Convention and abide by its decisions. It is contributing annually to *The Christian Sun,* to the Convention Office, and to the training of ministerial students and full-time Christian workers—a total of $3,650.

The Convention apportions to the churches through the conference a total of $15,000 annually. Of this amount, $12,600 was paid during the current year. This contribution to the college by the churches, through the apportionment plan, is of great assistance to the college in meeting its current demands.

Dr. Smith commented on the report and then presented Dr. W. M. Brown, who spoke concerning the work of the Elon College Foundation. Dr. Smith also presented the Trustees of the College present at the session.

Voted to amend Section 4 of the Finance Committee's report by striking out the last sentence.

Voted to adopt Section 4 of the Finance Committee's report relative to raising $1.00 per member annually for sustaining fund for Elon College.

Voted to receive and submit to record the report of Elon College.

Dr. S. C. Harrell presented the report of the Committee on the Ministry, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). These are the words of Jesus himself. Matthew records them in almost identical form, except that he makes them the conclusion of a long sentence in which Jesus sets forth the fact that service is the measure of all true greatness.

In the light of these words of our Saviour, let us face the fact that the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches is not raising up enough ministers to provide its churches with pastors. Along with this fact, let us remember another: the success and continuing life of a church is dependent upon the services of a pastor.

It seems to your committee that the words of Jesus, quoted at the beginning of the report, are an expression of the fundamental purpose of Jesus, and the explanation of the fact that he was rejected and crucified. Jesus came to be the servant of God's people. They did not want a servant. They wanted a ruler who would lead Israel back to its position of pomp and power.

The Church is not a master, but a servant. The Church is a servant of God to serve the people. The most subtle temptation which the human heart ever encounters is the temptation to put place and power ahead of service. It is a temptation which confronts institutions as surely as it does individuals. The Church of Christ is not immune to this temptation.

Before we can challenge the noblest of our youth to dedicate their lives to the service of God as ministers of His Church, we must demonstrate the fact that they can render a larger service to God in that capacity than in any other. The impression is abroad in the world that churches are more concerned with saving themselves than in saving the world for Christ.

During the past biennium your committee sponsored a special day, on which all our churches were asked to hold a special service emphasizing the challenge of the ministry. Pastors were urged to preach a sermon presenting the claims of the ministry. The results of such efforts are not immediately evident. We feel that efforts along that and similar lines should be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. HARRELL,
R. A. WHITTEN,
R. T. GRISSOM,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
E. CARL BRADY,
L. E. SMITH.

Voted to adopt the report.

The report of the Ministerial Loan Fund was given by Rev. W. Millard Stevens, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL LOAN FUND.

The 1948 session of the Convention passed the following vote:

"That the Executive Board make plans for the restoring of the Ministerial Loan Fund to its original amount."

In accordance with this vote the Executive Board, October 12-13, 1948, appointed a special committee to investigate the history of the Ministerial Loan Fund. This Committee was composed of Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Chairman, Will B. O'Neill and H. S. Hardcastle.

This Committee made its report to the Board April 19, 1949 which was adopted subject to review and approval of the Convention in session. That report was as follows and it is made a part of our report to the Convention:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LOAN FUND.

The Committee appointed by the Executive Board of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches to investigate the Ministerial Loan Fund, asks leave to submit the following report:

In view of the uncertain status of the Ministerial Loan Fund established by the constituent conferences of the Convention in 1920 and to provide for a clear-cut policy for the future disposition of said fund, in order to correct all past errors and omissions, and in line with the resolution in 1948, the Executive Board of said Convention requests the several conferences of the said Convention to concur in the disposition of the Ministerial Loan Fund as provided for in the 1948 session of the Convention on the following conditions:

1. That each interested Conference at its next session relinquish any claim to any funds that may have been pooled as the Ministerial Loan Fund and assign its interest in same to The Southern Convention.

2. That such funds be constituted and known as the Ministerial Student Loan Fund of The Southern Convention of Congregational and Christian Churches, Incorporated.

3. That Elon College be designated as the custodian of the funds of said Ministerial Student Loan Fund, ear-marking same as such, and that the custodian be required to have the funds audited annually and report made to the Executive Board annually and to The Southern Convention biennially.

4. That the said Ministerial Student Loan Fund be held and made available to Ministerial Students of the Congregational Christian denomination within the Southern Convention who are regularly enrolled at Elon College, or any other recognized college or seminary, provided the applicants are recommended by the local church of which the applicant is a member and by the Conference to which the church belongs.

5. That each applicant for a loan from the fund be required to execute a bankable note payable not more than one (1) year after date, with legal interest and provision for amortization, and that said note be renewed from time to time at the discretion of the Committee. The further provision shall be required that the beneficiary of the loan shall engage in the Ministry as a pastor within the denomination for a period of at least five (5) years after graduation from college or seminary, in which event the interest of said note shall be remitted.

6. That a committee from the Executive Board of the Southern Convention be appointed to pass upon applications for loans, order payment of same, and to handle and collect same when needed, and they shall report their actions to the Executive Board annually.

7. That this Committee wishes to express its appreciation to Rev. N. G. Newman, D. D., for his valuable and painstaking research into the Ministerial Loan Fund actions of the various Conferences and Convention sessions of our church.

8. That your committee strongly suggests that appropriate action be taken immediately to put all past due accounts in a current status.

9. That all the above proposals be submitted to the Southern Convention in session for final approval and action.

Respectfully submitted,
MILLS E. GODWIN, JR.,
WILL B. O'NEILL,
H. S. HARDCASTLE.

In accordance with Section 8 of the above report the Executive Board turned over to Mills E. Godwin, Jr., for collection, the delinquent notes held by the Ministerial Loan Fund.

At the meeting of the Executive Board on October 11, 1949, Mr. Godwin reported that he had contacted those indebted to this Fund and that he had replies from only four people.

The Board thereupon voted that Mills E. Godwin, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle and Will B. O'Neill be instructed to collect notes now due and past due on the basis as set forth by the 1948 session of the Convention (Item 11, page 47-48):

That the Convention Treasurer be authorized to settle all notes made prior to 1935 for 50 per cent of the face value of the notes and when settlement as herein stipulated has been made all interest due shall be cancelled," and that this special Committee bring to the Convention report and recommendations concerning this disposition of the unpaid notes and the restoration of the Ministerial Loan Fund to its original amount.

We submit a financial statement of the Ministerial Loan Fund, together with the names and amounts of notes held by the Treasurer of the Convention for the Ministerial Loan Fund.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
APRIL 1, 1948 – MARCH 31, 1949.

Receipts.

Elon College, Dr. L. E. Smith, President		$1,798.57
I. T. Underwood		25.00
E. N. C. Conference, W. J. Ballentine, Treasurer		107.00
N. C. & Va. Conference, Russell V. Powell, Treasurer		502.22
Rev. David W. Shepherd (on note)		10.00
Good Hope Church (E.N.C.)		13.00
Total Receipts		$2,455.79
Disbursements.		
James W. Madren (Loan 11-18-48)		260.00
Balance 3-31-49		$2,195.79

APRIL 1, 1949 – DECEMBER 31, 1949.

Receipts.

Balance April 1, 1949		$2,195.79
Rev. David W. Shepherd (on note)		15.00
Total Receipts		$2,210.79
Disbursements.		
Wm. T. Scott, Jr.—1 year note	$ 150.00	
James R. Hailey—1 year note	100.00	
		250.00
Cash Balance		$1,960.79
Outstanding Notes (Past due $7,938.35; Current $510.00)		8,448.35
Total Assets in Cash and Notes		$10,409.14
Due from General Fund (Elon College)		1,165.92
Total Assets in Cash, Notes and Due from General Fund, Elon College		$11,575.06

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer,*
JOHN G. TRUITT,
W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Chairman,*
Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.
JANUARY 1, 1950 – APRIL 27, 1950.

Receipts.

Cash Balance December 31, 1949			$1,960.79
Notes Settled on 50 per cent basis since January 1, 1950:			
4-11-50—Jos. E. McCauley	$ 100.00		
4-14-50—M. A. Pollard	300.00		
4-27-50—R. T. Grissom	135.00		
4-27-50—M. L. Grissom	90.00		
		$ 625.00	
Payment on note not due, C. Fred Allred (Note dated 3-2-50 $250.00)		100.00	
			725.00
Total Receipts			$2,685.79

Disbursements.

Transfer payment from Good Hope Church to Ministerial Scholarship Fund	$ 13.00	
James R. Hailey (Note dated 3-2-50)	200.00	
C. Fred Allred (Note dated 3-2-50)	250.00	
		463.00
Cash Balance April 27, 1950		$2,222.79
Past Due Notes less $1,025.00 settled		6,778.35
Current Notes (not due):		
James R. Hailey	$ 100.00	
Wm. T. Scott, Jr.	150.00	
James W. Madren	260.00	
C. Fred Allred (Balance)	150.00	
James R. Hailey	200.00	
		860.00
Due from General Fund (Elon College)		1,165.92
Total Assets in Cash, Notes, and Due from General Fund (Elon College) April 27, 1950		$11,027.06

MABEL J. RACHEL, *Bookkeeper.*

MINISTERIAL LOAN FUND.

PAST DUE NOTES.

Date	*Name*	*Address*	*Principal*
1-23-24	W. H. Bremer	Unknown	$ 100.00
3-12-23	G. C. Crutchfield	Route 4, Burlington, N. C.	600.00
11-23-23	G. C. Crutchfield	Route 4, Burlington, N. C.	200.00
4-22-24	G. C. Crutchfield	Route 4, Burlington, N. C.	100.00
5-23-28	O. A. Elmore	Unknown	221.00
6-5-44	Earl T. Farrell	Sunbury, N. C.	300.00
9-1-17	Hamilton J. Fleming	P. O. Box 341, N. Haven, Me. (Bal.)	230.00
11-20-25	J. U. Fogleman	Route 6, Burlington, N. C. (Bal.)	123.89
2-20-26	J. U. Fogleman	Route 6, Burlington, N. C.	50.00
11-13-23	W. B. Fuller	225 W. Market St., Harrisonburg, Va.	125.00
9-21-23	H. T. Gray	Unknown	100.00
5-15-42	(Paid in full 4-27-50)		90.00
10-16-30	(Settled on 50%		150.00
3-3-32	basis 4-27-50)		120.00
11-29-44	W. Walter Hall	334 Concord Road, Albemarle, N. C.	80.00
11-29-44	W. Walter Hall	334 Concord Road, Albemarle, N. C.	42.50
3-9-45	W. Walter Hall	334 Concord Road, Albemarle, N. C.	42.50
6-7-45	W. Walter Hall	334 Concord Road, Albemarle, N. C.	27.50
7-13-45	W. Walter Hall	334 Concord Road, Albemarle, N. C.	27.50

Date	*Name* *Address*	*Principal*
9-6-45	W. Walter Hall—334 Concord Road, Albemarle, N. C.	55.00
1-3-30	H. C. Hilliard—Unknown	150.00
9-8-30	H. C. Hilliard—Unknown	200.00
1-6-31	H. C. Hilliard—Unknown	50.00
11-30-25	W. J. B. Hines—Unknown	125.00
11-7-27	G. S. Hunt—Stearns, Ky	200.00
8-17-11	J. V. Knight—420 W. Washington St., Greensboro, N. C.	105.00
10-24-13	J. V. Knight—420 W. Washington St., Greensboro, N. C.	70.00
11-26-23	S. D. Lankford—Unknown	100.00
9-1-24	S. D. Lankford—Unknown	150.00
10-13-23	Miss Siddie Latham—Unknown	100.00
1-3-23	S. M. Lynam—Freehold, N. Y.	100.00
12-12-23	S. M. Lynam—Freehold, N. Y.	150.00
12-15-23	S. M. Lynam—Freehold, N. Y.	300.00
5-17-24	S. M. Lynam—Freehold, N. Y.	150.00
3-1-20	(Settled 4-11-50	100.00
12-30-26	on 50% basis)	100.00
5-22-39	J. E. Neese—1041 Bay View Boulevard, Norfolk Va.	100.00
3-13-40	J. E. Neese—1041 Bay View Boulevard, Norfolk, Va.	100.00
3-1-23	(Settled	100.00
10-9-23	on 50%	200.00
10-20-24	basis	200.00
3-1-23	4-14-50	100.00
7-1-40	K. D. Register—Route 2, Burlington, N. C.	96.56
8-27-30	D. W. Shepherd—208 E. Lake Dr., S. E., Atlanta, Ga. (Bal.)	172.15
4-16-23	W. B. Terrell—Warrenton, N. C.	150.00
6-10-24	W. B. Terrell—Warrenton, N. C.	150.00
2-6-25	W. B. Terrell—Warrenton, N. C.	150.00
1-28-29	Gardner D. Underhill—Unknown	200.00
9-10-26	G. H. Veazey—911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.	100.00
1-1-27	G. H. Veazey—911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.	150.00
11-1-27	G. H. Veazey—911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.	100.00
2-1-28	G. H. Veazey—911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.	100.00
5-18-39	Duane N. Vore—Suffolk, Va. (Bal.)	9.75
5-26-38	Duane N. Vore—Suffolk, Va.	150.00
9-28-39	Duane N. Vore—Suffolk, Va.	75.00
1-19-39	Duane N. Vore—Suffolk, Va.	200.00
4-12-34	R. A. Whitten, Jr.—Unknown	100.00
11-22-34	R. A. Whitten, Jr.—Unknown	150.00
1-1-31	Sam B. Wilson—Unknown	150.00
	Total	$7,938.35
	NOTES NOT DUE.	
9-9-49	James R. Hailey—Elon College, N. C.	$ 100.00
11-18-49	James W. Madren (Renewal)—Fancy Gap, Va.	260.00
9-8-49	Wm. T. Scott, Jr., Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn	150.00
	Total	$ 510.00
	Year Ended December 31, 1949, Total Notes	$8,448.35
	NOTES SINCE DECEMBER 31, 1949, NOT DUE.	
3-2-50	C. Fred Allred—Ramseur, N. C.	$ 250.00
3-2-50	James R. Hailey—Elon College, N. C.	200.00
		$ 450.00
	Notes April 27, 1950	$8,898.35
	April 27, 1950—Less 50% Settlement on $1,160.00 and $100.00 Payment	1,260.00
	Total	$7,638.35

Voted that the Convention approve the report of the special committee concerning the Ministerial Loan Fund, and to adopt the Ministerial Loan Fund report.

Hymn: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

An address was given by Dr. Truman B. Douglass, using as has theme, "Christian Education as Evangelism."

The benediction was given by Rev. W. Walter Hall.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The session began at 2:30 with the hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." The prayer was given by Rev. Fred P. Register.

The report of the Committee on Superintendent's Home was presented by Mrs. John G. Truitt, in the absence of Mr. George D. Colclough, Chairman, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON SUPERINTENDENT'S HOME.

Pursuant to the vote of the 1948 session of the Convention "that we approve the idea of building a Superintendent's Home and that the Executive Board be authorized to proceed with the project and to secure or erect the house and approve the method of financing the project," your Committee appointed by the Executive Board submits herewith the statement of its work.

Acting in close consultation with the Executive Board the Committee obtained a lot 75 x 200 feet on South Williamson Avenue, Elon College, North Carolina, and had erected a seven-room house. (Deed dated May 28, 1948, recorded Book 170 Dds., P157, Register of Deeds, Alamance County, July 6, 1948.) The work was completed and the Convention Superintendent's family occupied the house on October 1, 1948. An impressive Consecration Service was held at the home on October 12, 1948, in connection with the meeting of the Executive Board in session at that time.

The Executive Board authorized in the name of the Convention a loan of $9,000.00 from the Church Building Department of the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches, New York, to be repaid in quarterly installments over a period of 10 years. The loan bears 3% interest semi-annually (June 1 and December 1) on the unpaid balance. (As of March 2, 1950, the outstanding balance was $7,875.00, with interest paid to June 1, 1950.)

The total cost for the house and lot was $15,447.79. The financial statement attached will show the cost and receipts to December 31, 1949. It will be noted that a deficit of $750.14 as of that date is being carried by the Convention Fund. A campaign is now under way to liquidate this deficit.

We feel the Convention received full value for funds invested in this worthwhile project. All churches, individuals, and the Woman's Convention which contributed to the project are due our appreciation.

The Superintendent's Home is the property of the Convention and will be used for years as a real asset of our work.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
APRIL 1, 1948 – DECEMBER 31, 1949.

Receipts.

Balance April 1, 1948		$ 2,157.21
From Woman's Missionary Convention	$ 287.43	
From Individuals	672.50	
From Churches	2,580.51	
From B.H.M. Loan	9,000.00	
		12,540.44
Total		$14,697.65

Disbursements.

J. Mark McAdams, Contractor	$14,397.75	
Hardware and fixtures	279.02	
Insurance and Attorney Fees	193.74	
Attic Fan	100.00	
Oil Tank	138.02	
Venetian Blinds	135.00	
Cabinets	121.29	
Shrubbery	82.97	
		15,447.79
*Deficit		$ 750.14

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Chairman,*
Mrs. JOHN G. TRUITT,
REV. S. E. MADREN,
H. W. JOHNSON,
GEORGE T. GUNTER,
Mrs. W. W. SELLERS,
Rev. W. M. STEVENS,
D. R. FONVILLE,
Committee.

Voted to adopt the report.

The report of the Laymen's Fellowship was given by Mr. A. H. McIver. Pending action on the report an address was given by Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., on the subject, "A Layman Looks Around."

It was voted that the address given by Mr. Godwin be published in THE CHRISTIAN SUN. Voted to receive the Laymen's report and make it a part of the Convention records.

REPORT OF THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The biennium 1948-50 have been good years for the Laymen's Fellowship in the Southern Convention. We have not done all we wish we might have accomplished but we think we have done several things that should give us encouragement and help us to plan for the future.

During the fall of 1949 each Conference made a place on its program for a report of the Laymen's Fellowship activities within its Conference bounds. These reports were most encouraging. Practically all of our churches have some type of a laymen's organization. Many of them are doing a remarkable job for their local church and serving to help the entire church in its overall program.

During the latter part of January 1950 we observed special Laymen's Fellowship Day at Elon College. Every Conference in the Convention was represented and during the day more than 600 lamen attended a part, or all, of the program planned for that occasion. It was an inspirational meeting and we believe our men left with a determination to do a better job for their church.

We observed Laymen's Sunday on the third Sunday of October and over half of our churches had laymen participate in their services. This serves to emphasize the importance of a layman in the church, which we hope will encourage our laymen to shoulder their share of the responsibility.

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*From January 1 to June 22, 1950, through the effort of Mr. Colclough, Chairman of the Superintendent's Home Committee, the amount of $647.25 has been collected in special gifts from churches and individuals, making the deficit $102.89. Since June 22, 1950, faulty sewerage was corrected at a cost of $228, making the actual defict to July 31, 1950, $331.37.—W.T.S.

During the past year we prepared and mailed to our Laymen's Fellowship a Laymen's Handbook setting forth the principles of our Laymen's Fellowship, a copy of our constitution and bylaws, and other facts needed in establishing local groups. Conference and District Laymen's Fellowships are being organized and plans are under way for Churchmanship Institutes in several districts.

Again, we say we have not done all we wish we might have done during the past two years. We are encouraged by the accomplishments and interest of our men and we believe that the next two years will find us do more for our church.

Officers of the Laymen's Fellowship are: Chairman—George D. Colclough, Elon College; Vice-Chairman—W. B. Williams, 1253 24th Street, Newport News; Secretary-Treasurer—S. H. Pell, Ramseur; Conference Representatives: E. N. C.—A. H. McIver, Sanford; W. N. C.—Cyrus Shoffner, Liberty; E. Va.—Mills E. Godwin, Chuckatuck; V. Va.—R. A. Larrick, Winchester; N. C. & Va.—J. H. Rountree, Greensboro. Conference Representatives at Large: E: N. C—I. H. Vickery, Henderson; W. N. C.—George T. Gunter, Trinity; E Va.—L. G. Robinson, 3711 Argall Avenue, Norfolk; V. Va.—Harold Rhodes, Linville; N. C. & Va. W. T. Dunn, Kemper Street Station, Lynchburg.

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Chairman.*

The report of the Christian Orphanage was given by Dr. John G. Truitt, as follows:

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.

The Christian Orphanage is making a home for 59 orphans and half-orphans and 17 from broken homes. They are given a good substitute for a Christian home—a child's best heritage. They are under the care of Christian men and women who love them and who work at their jobs as unto a sacred calling. They pray daily for wisdom to do their work well, and they pray for the children. The children are reared in a Christian atmosphere. They have their daily devotions, attend Sunday School and Church, and are taught principles which Christian parents would like for their own.

They are taught honor, integrity, cleanliness, fair play, good manners, gratitude, kindness, and the spirit of unselfish service to others. We do not claim any degree of perfection in these things, but we do make them the aim of our endeavors. We consider the children our job. We think of what we can do for them now, and try to consider what sort of parents they themselves may make in their lives ahead. Having been deprived of their own childhood homes, we try to repay them and prepare them for normal, useful lives.

The children are provided good clothes, nourishing food, and training in the public school. They are taught to play and work as a part of their equipment for life. Girls are given chores in the kitchen learning to prepare and serve food. They learn housekeeping and sewing, and are taught how to keep themselves and their surroundings neat and clean. The boys are given their chores on the lawns, farm, furnaces, dairy, poultry yards, and in the raising of hogs.

A complete record is kept of all funds received and expended. A monthly report is prepared and mailed to the members of the Board of Trustees. All bills and expenses are paid by check, which corresponds to itemized bills and vouchers, all of which is kept on file. The firm of Strand, Skees & Jones, Certified Public Accountants, render a complete audit of the books annually. Attached hereto is a summary of our financial standing. All reports are available for your use. This one has dealt with the children, as we feel that it is the main thing.

We pause in appreciation of the 33 years of outstanding service rendered the Convention and Orphanage by the late Chas. D. Johnston. We thank the Convention for all its help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Supt.*

FUNDS OF THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.
APRIL 1, 1950.

The General Fund	$ 2,138.13
The Dairy Fund	2,185.79
Total	$ 4,323.92
First National Bank, Stock	$ 1,350.00
The Celeste Penny Fund	643.43
A Sewage Disposal Fund	5,000.00
The J. L. Kernodle Fund	13,222.73
Lehigh Valley Railroad Bond	330.00
Chester H. Roth Bonds	1,000.00
Total	$ 21,546.16
Property Estimated Values—	
Real Estate, 278 acres	$ 35,262.00
Buildings	135,911.00
Livestock	3,670.00
Total	$174,843.00

Voted to receive the report and make it a part of the Convention records.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was given by Rev. R. A. Whitten, Chairman. Pending action on the report a panel on "Evangelism at Work" was presented by Revs. Thurman F. Bowers, James B. Allan and W. Walter Hall. Voted that the report be adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE.

To the task o Evangelism the Church of Christ has been divinely called. The greatest undertaking ever given to man is the winning of souls for Christ. Evangelism is the primary and most important work of the Church. It is an appeal for personal decision, personal commitment of life and personal acceptance of that which God offers to man in Christ. Evangelism is an appeal for such decision as will involve the whole life—mind, will and affections—and make the presence and power of Christ a reality in personal experience. To the glorious task of making Christ known God is calling His Church.

Our denomination is one of forty denominations, representing millions of Christians, cooperating in a great forward march under the banner "America for Christ" as the "United Evangelistic Advance" aims to "Make Christ Known."

We recommend as our testimony and commitment to this task, the following, from a leaflet approved and presented by officers of the Southern Convention and compiled by the Convention Office:

"In testimony of our devotion of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and as an acknowledgement of the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit to us, we beseech you to join in covenant with God through Christ, and with one another. . . .

"1. To enter into and to promote the United Evangelistic Advance in every church of the Convention from January 1 to December 31, 1950.

"2. To seek to bring men and women, boys and girls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to the commitment of their lives to His service.

"3. To consolidate the force of these decisions for Christ by enlisting them into the membership of His Church; and to this end seek a membership gain of at least ten per cent in each local church.

"4. To practice and promote regular attendance at Church and Sunday School services for worship, spiritual enrichment and study; and the daily practice of private and family devotions.

"5. To give ourselves individually and collectively to achieve these high objectives, and to enlist every pastor, layman, woman and youth of our church in this *Evangelistic Advance.*"

Prayerfully submitted,

ROBERT A. WHITTEN, *Ch'm'n,*
F. C. LESTER,
T. FRED WRIGHT,
O. D. POYTHRESS,
T. F. BOWERS,
Mrs. W. J. ANDES,
T. G. HUMPHRIES,
BLAND LEEBRICK.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was given by James F. Darden, Chairman:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

During this biennium the stewardship of our money has been emphasized by the local churches and their organizations more definitely than ever before. Pastors have taken the work of teaching the giving of our means as an expression of our worship of God and our joy in Christian gratitude more seriously. Laymen through their business meetings of the church and their boards of finance have followed the suggestion of their pastors and of their own good business judgment and have made budgets for their year's work, including larger items for the growth of their local church, and also more liberal giving to missions and benevolences beyond their local church. This comes as a result of work done along this line through the past several years by emphasis made by the stewardship committees in the Conferences of the Convention as well as that of the Convention itself. The superintendent of the Convention and the work of the central office has had much to do with this development. The call of various boards and institutions has made it necessary for us to think in terms of larger giving and better financial appeal.

Your committee wishes to take notice also of the growing interest of laymen and laywomen in the church, their deepening interest in the work of the Convention and the Conferences and every enterprise of the church. For a long time the women have been setting a good example in these matters. Now more than ever the men are organizing themselves and thinking more definitely for the progress of their churches. The young people, too, are taking on larger financial goals, and are making more definite contributions toward their work.

We feel that this emphasis of the stewardship of our means is but an index to the stewardship of our time and our personalities. It all goes along together. We wish to recommend that during the coming biennium we give all encouragement possible to the growing application of better stewardship principles in local churches, the forming of more forward looking budgets, and the putting into practice better business methods in an ever-increasing number of our churches in the receiving and disbursing of their current and benevolent funds. For the sake of the growth of our churches, the development of new fields, and the sharing fully in our missions abroad we should strive earnestly to lay aside any half-hearted manner of laying our gifts upon the altar. Rather we should present both our gifts and ourselves in a fullness and devotion which would reflect a real interest in the development and growth of our Church.

We further recommend stewardship institutes both for our ministers and our lay-leaders; that we make full use of the Convention staff of workers, especially the services of our superintendent and our secretary of Christian education. They will gladly supply stewardship visual aid programs, teaching and stewardship materials. That we seek to make the coming biennium one of real advance in the gifts of our money, our service and ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. DARDEN, *Chairman,*
Mrs W. V LEATHERS,
JESSE H. DOLLAR,
W. MILLARD STEVENS,
Committee.

Upon motion the report was adopted.

The final reading of the Finance Committee's report was given by Dr. Harrell. Upon motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We recommend Annual Apportionments as follows:

	Conference	*Women*	*Total*
Convention H. M. Fund	$17,500	$ 7,500	$ 25,000
Convention F. M. Fund	17,500	7,500	25.000
Christian Orphanage	15,000		15,000
Elon College	15,000		15,000
Christian Education	4,000		4,000
Superannation	4,000		4,000
The Christian Sun	2,000		2,000
Convention Fund	11,000		11,000
Per Capita Dues	2,541		2,541
Scholarships	1,500		1,500
Total	$90,041	$15,000	$105,041

1. We recommend that the $90,041 to be apportioned to conferences be distributed as follows:

	E. Va.	*Valley*	*E. N. C.*	*N. C. Va.*	*W. N. C.*	*Total*
Home Missions	$ 6,500	$ 1,500	$ 2,000	$ 6,000	$ 1,500	$ 17,500
Foreign Missions	6,500	1,500	2,000	6,000	1,500	17,500
Christian Orphanage	4,800	960	2,100	6,000	1,140	15,000
Elon College	6,000	960	2,100	4,800	1,140	15,000
Christian Education	1,450	330	535	1,355	330	4,000
Superannuation	1,450	330	535	1,355	330	4,000
The Christian Sun	700	150	250	700	200	2,000
Convention Fund	3,775	875	1,475	3,775	1,100	11,000
Scholarships	500	125	225	500	150	1,500
Per Capita Dues	862	191	430	765	293	2,541
Total	$ 32,537	$ 6,921	$ 11,650	$ 31,250	$ 7,683	$ 90,041

2. We recommend an Annual Operating Budget of $18,000 for Convention Leadership, Promotion and the Convention Office, to be administered by the Executive Board of the Convention.

Proposed Sources of Income:

Convention Fund	$9,900
Mission Board	3,600
Board of Christian Education	4,500
Total	$18,000

3. We recommend the following annual budget for The Christian Sun:

For printing The Christian Sun	$8,000
For Secretarial Assistant to Editor	600
Contingencies	1,200
Total	$9,800

Anticipated annual Resources for The Sun:

Subscription List	$4,500
Mission Board	1,000
Orphanage	1,200
Elon College	900
Advertising	200
Sun apportionment	2,000
Total	$9,800

It is recommended that boards and institutions pay the amounts specified for The Christian Sun and the Operating Budget of the Convention Office in monthly installments; and that appropriations from boards and institutions to the Convention Office and the Board of Publications begin July 1, 1950, and run through the fiscal year ending December 31, 1952.

4. Elon College has made commendable progress and advancement in recent years. Its expanding program calls for larger and continued financial support.

We recommend that in addition to the regular apportionment for the College the Convention approve, and through its Conferences and Churches engage in an effort to raise a minimum average of $1.00 per member annually for a sustaining fund for Elon College; this effort to be a cooperative one to be participated in by the college administration, the Elon College Foundation, the Convention, Conferences and church officials; that a committee be constituted by this Convention, the duty of which shall be to work for the Convention in cooperation with the officials named above, to formulate the plans whereby this proposal shall be carried to the entire constituency of the Convention.

5. We recommend that item 4 of the Report of the Finance Committee adopted by the Convention in its 1948 session, providing that the Mission Board transmit 25 per cent of its net income for the Convention Home Mission Fund to the Home Boards of the General Council, be rescinded.

We recommend that in lieu of the above item which is recommended to be rescinded that the Mission Board of the Convention determine the amount of the income for Convention Home Missions, which in the judgment of the Mission Board, should be sent to the Home Boards of the General Council, the amount to be proportionate to the askings from the Home Boards for the support of Mission work within the Convention.

6. We recommend that all churches be urged to raise their Missions and Benevolent Funds by securing subscriptions for their entire Conference Apportionments. Churches which do not raise their entire apportionments by means of subscriptions should receive a Special Offering for Missions at Easter, a special Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage, a special Christmas Offering for Superannuation, and a Special Offering for Elon College during the College Period. Until the regular contributions are sufficient to meet the apportionments, churches should seek to raise the apportionments in full by seeking special gifts from individuals.

7. We recommend the continuance of the present plan of regular monthly offerings for Missions and the Orphanage, and the Fifth Sunday Offering for Elon College to be taken by the Sunday Schools, until the amount of the apportionment for each shall be raised in full, thereafter all benevolent contributions from Sunday Schools should be allotted to the other items of apportionments which have not been raised in full. Contributions from Sunday Schools should be forwarded through the designated channls and credited on the respective Conference Apportionments.

8. We recommend that the Orphanage, the Mission Board and Elon College be authorized to make appeals for contributions, each during the period herein designated, as follows: Elon College—January, February, September and October; Missions—March, April, May and June; Orphanage—November and December; that Communion Offerings may be received for Superannuation; and that at Christmas a special offering may be taken for the "Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross," said offering to be forwarded by the Board of Superannuation to the Division of Ministerial Relief as an emergency fund and extra appropriation to the superannuates. It is recommended that the practice of making appeals to churches, Sunday Schools, and auxiliaries for material or financial gifts at other times than during the periods designated, be discontinued.

9. We recommend that the Board of Christian Education be authorized to appeal for offerings on Children's Day from Sunday Schools, and from individuals during July and August.

10. We recommend that all funds contributed by churches, or by individuals who request their gifts to be credited to their churches, be transmitted to the Convention Treasurer through the Convention Office; that the Convention Office report such gifts to the Secretary of the Conference in which the local church holds membership; and that each local church secretary shall be furnished with a report of all funds sent from his church for Convention enterprises, together with the balances due.

1. We recommend that the awarding of scholarships to college and seminary students be the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education and that such scholarships be granted only to ministerial students and students who are preparing for other types of full-time Christian service who are properly certified and recommended by the conferences of which they are members; and that the Board of Christian Education make report annually to the Executive Board of the Convention, or to the Convention itself, relative to the status of the Scholarship Fund, and the scholastic achievements of the holders of said scholarships.

12. By vote of the Convention in its 1948 session, the reports of the Treasurer and the Convention Office were referred to the Finance Committee. Your Committee has examined those reports, together with reports made by the Treasurer and Convention Office through December, 1949. The audits of all these reports and Treasurer's books, made by Walter F. Owen, C.P.A., Burlington, North Carolina, have been examined and checked against the reports. To the best of our knowledge, we believe the said reports and audits to be correct; and we recommend their adoption.

13. We recommend that churches using the services of the Board of Pastoral Supply, Boston, Massachusetts, as aid in securing pastors, be urged to make a contribution to the Board of Pastoral Supply toward its expenses.

14. We recommend that the Convention Committee on Finance be increased to ten members: five to be appointed by the Convention, and five to be elected by the Executive Board of the Convention, and that the Committee on Finance be requested to hold semi-annual meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. HARRELL,
CLYDE W. GORDON,
A. H. MCIVER,
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,
J. FRANK APPLE.

The recommendations for the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws were presented by Superintendent Scott. Upon motion the amendments were adopted.

REVISIONS OF CONVENTION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Southern Convention:

The Executive Committee of the Executive Board of the Convention in special session on January 9, 1950, considered proposed changes in the Convention Constitution having to do with the duties of the Treasurer (Article VIII, Section 4, page 36 of the 1948 Manual) which now reads as follows:

> "The Terasurer shall receive all funds through the Convention Office for the Convention and denominational enterprises, except for Conference interests, give receipt therefor, keep an accurate record of the same, shall deposit such funds in a depository designated by the Executive Board; shall disburse designated funds to Boards, Institutions, and other agencies at regular intervals on order of the Superintendent, and shall disburse funds for Convention obligations on order of the President of the Convention. He shall make reports to the semi-annual meetings of the Executive Board, to the biennial sessions of the Convention, and at such other times as may be requested by the Executive Board or the Convention. He shall be adequately bonded and his accounts shall be audited annually as determined by the Executive Board."

VOTED: "That Article VIII, Section 4 of the Constitution having to do with the duties of the Treasurer, beginning immediately after the semicolon and continuing through the remainder of the sentence be amended to read as follows:

> "shall disburse funds for the Convention obligations as provided by the budget approved by the Convention or its Executive Board; shall disburse designated funds to Boards, Institutions, and other agencies at regular intervals; and may disburse for Boards and agencies their funds upon order of proper official of respective Boards or agencies." (The balance of the section remaining the same.)

VOTED: "That the Superintendent request the Secretary of the Convention to insert the above proposed amendment in *The Christian Sun* ninety days prior to the Southern Convention meeting, as provided by Article XV of the Convention Constitution on amendments.

/s/ WM. T. SCOTT, *Secretary Pro-tem.*
/s/ JOHN G. TRUITT, *President.*

The Executive Board approved, and notice of these proposed changes was published in *The Christian Sun* January 19, 1950.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Secretary.*

Recommendations from the Executive Board:

(1) That the Convention Bay-Law 3, paragraph 2, be amended so that the Convention fiscal year be the calendar year.

(2) Under the present term of office for members of Boards of the Convention, there is an indefiniteness of tenure within some Boards, and in the case of the Boards of Publications and Suprannuation the terms of all members expire at one time; this being possible with the elective members of the Executive Board. We believe this to be an unwise practice.

We recommend that the terms of office tenure and the method of election of Board members be interpreted by amendment of the Convention By-Laws by the addition of Section 7A of the By-Laws as follows:

"The terms of office for members of the Mission Board, Board of Christian Education, Board of Publications, Board of Superannuation, and the Conference Representatives, and At-Large members of the Executive Board shall be four yars, and members of these Boards shall be divided into classes so that the term of a class shall expire every two years;

That members of said Boards who have served the equivalent of two full terms shall not be eligible for renomination and reelection for a period of two years after the expiration of the former term."

We recommend that this limitation of terms be interpreted to mean that those whose terms expire in 1950 and thereafter who have served one full term, shall be eligible to serve only one more full consecutive term.

We further recommend that the Executive Board be asked by the Convention to study the feasibility of limitations being placed upon tenure of members of the Trustees of Elon College and the Christian Orphanage and report their findings to the 1952 Convention.

Memorandum Concerning the Convention Constitution:

Attention is called to a printer's error in the Constitutional Amendments voted at Liberty Vance Church at the session of the Convention in 1948 as follows:

ARTICLE VIII—Officers, page 36 of the Manual, Section 3, entitled, "Election and Term of Office." The present reading is as follows:

"At least three months before each biennial session, the Executive Board shall elect a Nominating Committee. This committee shall nominate all officers of the Convention, but nominations may also be made from the floor for any office. Officers and Board members shall be elected to serve for the biennium unless otherwise designated, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

In the second sentence of this paragraph, after Convention, the recommendations of the Revisions Committee adopted had the following clause:

"Except for the Superintendent, who shall be nominated by the Executive Board, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun* who shall be nominated by the Board of Publications." So that the entire section should read as follows:

"At least three months before each biennial session, the Executive Board shall elect a Nominating Committee. This committee shall nominate all officers of the Convention, except for the Superintendent, who shall be nominated by the Executive Board, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun,* who shall be nominated by the Board of Publications. Nominations may also be made from the floor for any office. Officers

and Board members shall be elected to serve for the biennium unless otherwise designated, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

/s/ W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Chairman,*
Revisions Committee, 1948 Session.

/s/ WM. T. SCOTT, *Superintendent,*
The Southern Convention.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Rev. Wm. J. Andes as follows.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.
FOR BIENNIUM OF 1950-52.

CONVENTION OFFICERS

President—W. Millard Stevens.
Vice-President—J. H. Dollar.
Secretary—W. B. O'Neill.
Treasurer—G. D. Colclough.
Superintendent—W. T. Scott (Nominated by Executive Board).
Historian—C. E. Newman.
Editor, The Sun—R. L. House (Nominated by Board of Publications).
*Managing Edior, The Sun**—(Non-officer).

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ex-Officiis—W. Millard Stevens, President; Jesse H. Dollar, Vice-President; W. B. O'Neill, Secretary; R. L. House, Editor, *The Christian Sun;* S. C. Harrell, Chairman, Finance Committee; L. E. Smith, Elon College; John G. Truitt, Christian Orphanage.

Class of 1952—E. Va. Conference, H. S. Hardcastle; E. N. C. Conference, J. F. Apple; V. Va. Conference, R. E. Newton; W. N. C. Conference, F. C. Lester; N. C. and Va. Conference, Robert Walker; Mission Board, A. H. McIver; Board of Superannuation, D. R. Fonville; Woman's Board, Mrs. O. H. Paris; Pilgrim Fellowship, Warren Matthews; At Large, K. T. Rothgeb.

Class of 1954—E. Va. Conference, Mills E. Godwin, Jr.; E. N. C. Conference, S. H. Basnight; V. Va. Conference, R. A. Whitten; W. N. C. Conference, G. T. Gunter; N. C. and Va. Conference, H. E. Robinson; Board of Christian Education, W. J. Andes; Board of Publication, Duane Vore; Laymen's Fellowship, Geo. D. Colclough; At Large, Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Mrs. W. B. Williams.

MEMBERS OF THE MISSION BOARD

Class of 1952 (Continuing Members)—H. S. Hardcastle, A. H. McIver, R. A. Larrick, Mrs. John G. Truitt, Mrs. W. T. Harrell (replacing Peter Young, removed).

Class of 1954—T. G. Humphries, J. P. Dalton, W. B. O'Neill, Mrs. Russell Powell, F. C. Lester.

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class of 1952 (Continuing Members)—L. E. Smith, H. S. Smith, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. J. D. Strader, H. G. Councill, Jr.

Class of 1954—H. E. Robinson, K. D. Register, Mrs. Garland Spratley, W. J. Andes, Jack P. Shoffner (elected to succeed Mrs. F. C. Lester, resigned).

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Class of 1952—W. T. Madren, E. J. Rohart, Philip J. Weaver.

Class of 1954—D. R. Fonville, J. T. Kernodle.

MEMBERS OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

Class of 1952—Percy Ricketts, S. E. Madren.

Class of 1954—Duane Vore, Roy C. Helfenstein, Shirley T. Holland.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

W. M. Stevens, F. C. Lester, S. C Harrell, Raymond Grissom, R. A. Whitten, Clyde Fields, F. B. Eutsler.

TRUSTEES OF CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE

Class of 1952 (Continuing Members)—Mrs. J. H. McEwen, D. L. Boone, Sr., L. E. Carlton, T. W. Walton, I. H. Vickery.

Class of 1954—J. P. Cross, Harold Kernodle, W. J. Ballentine, Russell Powell, C. D. West.

Class of 1956—V. R. Holt, Mrs. M. W. Andes, Clyde W. Gordon, L. R. Jones, L. P. Waldo.

TRUSTEES OF ELON COLLEGE

Class of 1956 (The following 24 people are nominated and from this list the trustees elect 12 members)—L. L. Vaughan, S. C. Harrell, L. E. Carlton, Richard Fagley, W. J. Ballentine, O. F. Smith, Harold Johnson, W. C. Elder, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, John C. Walker, Mrs. J. H. McEwen, Philip J. Weaver, Wesley Harrell, J. P. Dalton, W. F. Frazier, Mrs. Cecil Wilkins, Harry Lee, Truman B. Douglass, R. A. Larrick, W. H. Baker, Floyd Turner, Mrs. J. D. Strader, Wm. Truitt, Hunter Scott.

TRUSTEES OF O'KELLY MEMORIAL FOUNDATIONS

Class of 1954—S. C. Harrell, C. H. Newman, S. H. Basnight.

Class of 1952—Miss Margaret Hall, Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Rev. Kenneth D. Register.

CUSTODIAN OF CHURCH HISTORY ROOM AT ELON COLLEGE

It is recommended by this committee that the Executive Board of the Convention be empowered to select a custodian as this committee has been unable so far to secure such a person.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL

It is recommended by this committee that the election of delegates to the General Council be left in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention with power to act.

Voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the election of the nominees as presented by the Committee. The Secretary cast one ballot and the President declared the officers and boards elected.

EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEES
(APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT STEVENS)

The Executive Committee—W. Millard Stevens, Chairman; Jesse H. Dollar, Vice-Chairman; Will B. O'Neill, Secretary; L. E. Smith, John G. Truitt, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle.

Convention Office and Personnel Committee—George D. Colclough, Chairman; John G. Truitt, S. C. Harrell, W. Millard Stevens, Ex Officio.

Upon motion the following resolution was adopted:

In view of the amendments to By-Laws providing for classes in Membership of Boards, Be it resolved that the Executive Board, Board of Superannuation and Board of Publications divide their membership into classes.

The afternoon session adjourned with prayer by Dr. John G. Truitt.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION

The Wednesday evening session was called to order at 7:30 by the President. The Worship Service was conducted by Rev. Duane N. Vore. Special music was presented by the Chuckatuck High School Glee Club.

Dr. Douglass made an announcement concerning the Deering Pastors School.

Announcement was made of the tragic automobile accident of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Fonville, Sr., Burlington, enroute to the Convention. It was voted to make Rev. Duane Vore the Convention's special representative to convey our regrets to Mr. and Mrs. Fonville at Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, and to send flowers in the name of the Convention.

An address, "Where, Whither, How?" was given by Dr. Ross W. Sanderson Director of Field Research, The Board of Home Missions, New York.

Rev. O. D. Poythress of the South Norfolk Church sang, "The Ninety and Nine."

The Convention sermon was delivered by Rev. Henry E. Robinson, using as his subject, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was given by Rev. Herbert G. Councill, Jr., as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Your Committee on Memoirs reports the following Ministers and Officials of the Southern Convention lost by death since the last session held April 27-29, 1948.

DR. FRANK H. LEWIS—Pastor of the Shelton Memorial Church, Portsmouth, Virginia. At the time of his death, Dr. Lewis was President of the Eastern Virginia Conference, President of the Portsmouth Ministerial Association, and a man beloved by all who knew him. Died August 28, 1949, at Massanetta Springs, Virginia.

REV. LUCIUS LEE LASSITER—A retired minister, living in Suffolk, Virginia. He was a member of the Eastern Virginia Conference. Died August 23, 1949.

REV. J. H. WARREN—A retired minister, died in Norfolk, Virginia, January, 1950.

REV. H. RUSSELL CLEM, D. D.—A retired minister, died in Burlington, North Carolina, July 30, 1949.

REV. J. S. CARDEN—A retired minister, died November 25, 1949, in Durham, N. C. Mr. Carden had served churches in Alamance, Durham, Granville, Caswell, Guilford, Chatham and Wake Counties, and at Buies Creek.

REV. MARTIN L. WEEKLEY, D. D.—A retired minister, died August 10, 1949, in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He was a member of the Valley of Virginia Conference. For many years Dr. Weekley served a number of Valley of Virginia Churches: Antioch, Beulah, Linville, New Hope, Bethlehem, Mt. Olivet (G) and Mt. Olivet (R).

REV. EDWARD F. GREEN, D. D.—A retired minister and educator, died February 26, 1950, in Southern Pines, North Carolina. Born in York, England, he came to this country as a young man.

The following are Lay Officials who have passed on during the past biennium:

MR. JOHN A. WILLIAMS—Member of the Congregational Christian Church of Franklin, Virginia, died April 21, 1949. Mr. Williams had served his local church as a deacon since 1916. He was a member of the Mission Board of the Southern Convention and of the Board of Trustees of Elon College.

MRS. CLAUD E. ELEY—A member of the Suffolk Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia, died September 27, 1948. Elected in 1946 to the office of contributing editor to *The Christian Sun*, she was a former member of the Board of Publications of the Southern Convention, active in the work of the church women of the Convention and

in her local church. At the time of her death she was President of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs.

MRS. D. P. BARRETT—Missionary to Puerto Rico for 40 years and six months, finally settling in Chapel Hill, North Carolina in 1946, died July 22, 1948.

MR. CHARLES D. JOHNSTON—Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage for 33 years, member of the Elon College Community Church, and affectionately known throughout the Convention as "Uncle Charlie," died February 27, 1949. Mr. Johnston was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College, as well as a loyal member of his local church.

MAJOR WILBUR E. MACCLENNY—Member of the Suffolk Christian Church, and former Historian of the Southern Convention, died March 3, 1950. A member of his local church since 1888, he served it as a Sunday School teacher, as a deacon since 1915, as a trustee for a number of years. He was the author of the *Life of The Rev. James O'Kelly* and *The Early Christian Church in the South.*

Your Committee on Memoirs calls upon the Convention to honor the memory of our departed comrades by standing for one minute in silent prayer thanking God for all fair memories of their lives among us, and for strength and courage to make us worthy followers of those who through faith and patience now inherit the promises.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANK MORGAN, *Chairman,*
HERBERT G. COUNCILL, JR.,
Co-Chairman,
LACY M. PRESNELL,
MRS. J. ROLLIE GAYLE,
ROY A. LARRICK,
E. M. CARTER.

It was adopted.

The observance of the Lord's Supper was conducted by Rev. R. E. Brittle and Dr. I. W. Johnson.

Rev. R. E. Brittle gave the benediction.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

The session was called to order by the President at 9:00. Hymn: "True Hearted, Whole Hearted."

Prayer by Rev. W. T. Madren.

Announcement was made of the death of Mrs. D. R. Fonville, Sr., Burlington, N. C., as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile wreck while enroute to the Convention. A special prayer for the family was given by Dr. John G. Truitt.

Upon motion it was voted that the President send an appropriate message of sympathy to the Fonville family and send flowers for the funeral in the name of the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented by Rev. Mack V. Welch, Chairman. It was voted to consider the report seriatim. Upon motion the report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

It is in the field of our conduct one toward another—one person toward those of another group, race, or nation our Christian gospel is daily tested. The Church must lead the way in Christian thinking and acting in this realm. It is not enough to resolve when we are on the mountain top of experience in Convention or Conference and then to go away and forget our resolutions. We must courageously and wisely put our best thinking into practice.

We wish to recommend that we continue our historic practice of sending and receiving fraternal delegates within the Southern Convention area to and from like conventions and conferences of the Negro race. Our records show that such leaders as the late Dr. W. W. Staley, the two Wellons, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, and many others were received in Negro conferences, and that in turn fraternal delegates were welcomed by us from them.

We wish to recommend that our Convention follow the historic practice of taking a definite interest in and giving financial aid to Franklinton Center, which was once operated by our American Christian Convention and members of the Southern Convention as a Negro college, and is now being revived as a training ground for Negro ministers, lay leaders and young people. There is at Franklinton a real opportunity for Christian service, and one which has been the source of much fruitful cooperation and mutual help for several generations.

We recommend that our Convention go on record as favoring for the Negro race, (1) fairness in the news, (2) better housing, (3) justice in the courts, (4) equal consideration and facilities in public transportation, (5) rightful exercise of their franchise at the polls, and (6) the exercise of Christian courtesy and helpfulness in all our relationships with our fellowmen regardless of color, race or creed. We believe that progress is being made in mutual understanding and cooperation with other races and people and we would do nothing to hinder it, but rather we should consider it our Christian duty to hasten the progress being made. This whole problem should be the concern of the Church, especially for the development of the Negro race and for the leadership which America holds before the eyes of the world.

Our Convention has a duty to help in the matter of displaced persons. We recommend that we urge our conferences and churches to cooperate with the Committee on Displaced Persons established by our General Council helping in this matter to the extent of our ability.

We recommend that our Convention go on record reiterating our faith in training in the home, in the school, and in the church with respect toward better discipline, better preparation for Christian citizenship, and a finer respect for the rights and privileges of others.

Respectfully submitted,

MACK V. WELCH, *Chairman,*
H. G. COUNCILL, JR.,
F. B. EUTSLER,
S. H. BASNIGHT,
C. BAXTER TWIDDY,
R. L. HOUSE,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Rural Church was presented.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE RURAL CHURCH.

In 1940 the Convention named a Committee on the Rural Church. The Committee brought in a very interesting report to the Convention in 1942. There has been little change in the general picture since that time. The churches in small towns and in some rural areas appear to be making some increase in church membership. Over the period from 1940 to 1948 our rural churches show a slight gain in membership. The Valley Conference had a loss of 13 members. The Eastern Virginia Conference had a gain of 58 members. The Western Conference had a gain of 110 members. The North Carolina and Virginia Conference had a gain of 79 members. The Eastern North Carolina Conference had a gain of 659 members.

Today we have the best trained ministry and laymen of any time in the history of our church. This is encouraging.

One of the most hopeful signs in our rural church is the number of parsonages built or being built and the establishment of pastorates.

We recommend:

1. That we observe Rural Life Sunday.

2. That each rural church endeavor to have a Daily Vacation Bible School for a period of at least one week at a suitable time to the church.

3. That the evangelistic program be comprehensivve and adequate to meet the need of the local community.

4. That a program of stewardship be emphasized in all our rural churches.

5. That the churches use visual aids as a means of inspiration and information.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,
W. T. MADREN,
R. D. COULTER,
J. E. MCCAULEY,
R. E. NEWTON,
J. K. LANDRUM,
Mrs. W. T. HARRELL,
Committee.

Upon motion the report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Board of Superannuation was presented by Superindent Scott, in the absence of Mr. D. R. Fonville, Chairman. Upon motion it was voted to amend Item 1 of the report by referring it to the new Finance Committee for action to be reported at the next Convention.

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION.

Balance reported to Southern Convention (April 19, 1948)			$5,425.65
(Includes March Christmas Fund $10.30)			
(Includes March Regular Fund 60.50)			
1948—April Received from Southern Convention to D. J. Bowden			80.18
1948—May Received from Southern Convention to D. J. Bowden			98.99
Total Receipts			$5,604.82
June Disbursements.			
Board of Home Missions:			
January-May receipts—Regular	$1,547.26		
Christmas Fund	676.45		
Surplus as per agreement	756.11		
		$2,979.82	
Board of Publications, W. J. Andes		125.00	
			3,104.82
Balance			$2,500.00
Converted to Investment Share account—Certificate No. 1967 dated July 23, 1949, First Federal Savings Association of Burlington, North Carolina—made payable to Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, George D. Colclough, Treasurer. The interest to be forwarded to the Board of Home Missions, New York			$2,500.00

REMITTANCES TO DIVISION OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF OF BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, NEW YORK, FOR THE BIENNIUM.
APRIL 19, 1948 – DECEMBER 31, 1949.

	Total	*Regular*	*Christmas Fund*
1948—By D. J. Bowden, Treasurer—June	$2,979.82	$2,303.37	$ 676.45
1948—By Geo. D. Colclough, Treasurer, Southern Convention	2,153.37	1,834.99	318.38
1949—By Geo. D. Colclough, Treasurer, Southern Convention	4,657.01	4,099.71	557.30
Grand Total	$9,790.20	$8,238.07	$1,552.13

Regular Pensions at the annual rate for last half of 1948, 1949 and continuing in 1950 totals $4,283.00 for Ministers and $1,453.00 for Widows; making a grand total per year of $5,736.00.

In addition to the regular annual grants of $5,736.00 the Division of Ministerial Relief mails to pensioners and others checks at Christmas time and at other times for emergencies. The funds for these extra checks come from the proceeds of the Christmas Fund of the Congregational Christian Churches.

It will be noted that our pensioners receive in regular grants and in extra checks from the Christmas Fund far more than we are contributing to the Division of Ministerial Relief of Board of Home Missions from Superannuation receipts. This fact is a real embarrassment to your Board of Superannuation. Dr. Frank J. Scribner and Rev. Percy C. Ladd of our Division of Ministerial Relief humble us by their understanding spirit. Always they seek to work for the welfare of our retired ministers and ministers' widows. We ought to be more generous in our gifts to Superannuation and the Christmas Fund.

During the biennium those receiving grants through our Division of Ministerial Relief upon approval of your Board of Superannuation were: *Ministers*—Rev. J. S. Carden (deceased), Rev. N. G. Newman, Rev. B. J. Earp, Rev. Thomas J. Green, Rev. C. E. Newman, Rev. L. L. Lassiter (deceased), Rev. D. R. Moffitt, Rev. G. O. Lankford, Rev. Hubert Sholz, Rev. R. L. Williamson, Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. M. L. Weekley (deceased), Rev. Park W. Fisher; *Widows*—Mrs. Myrtle W. Foster, Mrs. Martha S. White, Mrs. Mollie B. Harward, Mrs. Margarette Knight, Mrs. W. C. Wicker, Mrs. Eva E. Lowe, Mrs. Ebbie Moffitt, Mrs. Annie B. Wyrick, Mrs. J. S. Carden.

6. We recommend that the treasurer of the Southern Convention be ex-officio a member of the Board of Superannuation and that he serve as its treasurer

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. FONVILLE, *Chairman,*
D. J. BOWDEN, *Secretary,*
PERCY H. RICKETTS,
VICTOR LANGSTON,
JOHN T. KERNODLE,
Board of Superannuation.

Upon motion the report was adopted as amended.

Upon motion it was voted to reaffirm the actions of the Executive Board for raising $500.00 for permanent improvement of the James O'Kelly cemetery plot and that this committee be encouraged to proceed with its work.

1. We recommend to the Finance Committee of the Southern Convention that the appropriation for Superannuation be increased to $4,500.00 in order to meet the increase in pension grants (referred to Finance Committee);

2. that the churches be encouraged to pay these appropriations in full and to exceed them wherever possible;

3. that all churches in the Southern Convention be urged to support the Christmas Fund and if possible to send their contributions to the Southern Convention Office by January 1. It was further agreed that members of the Board might well write letters to churches in their own areas to encourage this support;

4. that the Board of Superannuation take seriously its responsibility for encouraging and urging all ministers in the Southern Convention who are not members of the Annuity Fund to seek entrance in order that they may participate in the Pilgrim Memorial Fund.

5. We recommend to the Convention the following action:

a. That each Conference shall nominate one representative to the Board of Superannuation.

b. In view of the fact that the Board of Superannuation must investigate and approve all requests for pension grants, these requests shall be referred by each Conference Committee to the Board of Superannuation for consideration, without Conference action.

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented by Rev. Guy H. Veazey.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

	Ministers	*Delegates*	*Visitors*	*Total*
Eastern Virginia Conference	21	48	97	166
Eastern North Carolina Conference	9	19	6	34
Western North Carolina Conference	4	4	1	9
Valley Virginia Conference	5	8	4	17
North Carolina and Virginia Conference	17	22	11	50
Totals	56	101	119	276

Upon motion it was voted to accept the report.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Rev. T. Fred Wright.

The report was adopted, as follows:

Be it further resolved that the Convention adopt the recommendations of Superintendent Scott for launching "The Mid-Century Advance" as follows:

"That the Convention for the 1950-52 biennium accept the challenge of the theme of this session, *'A New Togetherness for a Needed Advance,'* and launch *'The Mid-Century Advance'* in every area of our church life; this Advance to be a part of 'Our Christian World Mission' of the denomination; that the Convention appoint a Commission to formulate a plan of action for this needed advance, and that this Commission be composed of representatives from the Mission Board, Board of Christian Education, Board of Trustees of Elon College, Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage, the Finance, Evangelism, and Stewardship Committees.

"That we use the services of Dr. Ross W. Sanderson, Director of the Department of Field Research of our National Board of Home Missions, placed at our disposal for the purpose of surveying our present situation, helping us to discover our strength and weakness, and determine lines of action which we may follow for strengthening the life and witness of our churches in the Convention in this Advance."

T. FRED WRIGHT,
W. STANLEY CARNE,
Mrs. O. H. PARIS,
Committee.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

Because of the unusual character of the 39th Biennial Session of the Southern Convention, be it therefore resolved:

1. That we extend to the pastor and his people of Oakland Christian Church our hearty thanks for their gracious entertainment, their bountiful provision for our comforts, and their genuine hospitality.

2. That we express our appreciation for the most helpful contribution made to our Convention sessions by the special music rendered by the Elon College Singers and the Chuckatuck High School Glee Club; and to Drs. Truman Douglass and Ross W. Sanderson, New York, for their inspiring addresses.

3. That we recommend to our pastors and churches that greater emphasis be placed upon evangelism; that visitation evangelism, special efforts among our young people and in the Sunday Schools, as well as mass evangelism be emphasized.

Be it further resolved:

1. That we recognize the most excellent spirit which has presided over all our sessions, and that such unity of purpose has resulted.

2. That we express our appreciation to Professor L. L. Vaughan for his generous offer to help meet the deficit of *The Christian Sun.*

3. That each Conference endeavor to have one or more of its ministers in attendance at Rural Church Schools and Institutes in their respective areas.

Be it further resolved that the Convention acknowledge with thanks the invaluable service of the Convention Office, especially in the preparation of the *Blue Book* used by this session.

Upon motion the report was amended to include the recommendations of Superintendent Scott's report providing for "The Mid-Century Advance" during the 1950-52 biennium.

Upon motion it was voted that this session of the Convention adjourn at 12:00 noon.

Upon motion it was voted that the Minutes of this session be printed in *The Annual* and that we ask the Southern Convention Office to send to the churches a mimeographed copy of those actions which need immediate attention.

Rev. Melvin Dollar, new minister at Union (Southampton), was presented to the Convention.

Upon motion it was voted that the Secretary and Superintendent be authorized to edit the Minutes and reports and to prepare them for inclusion in the next publication of *The Annual.*

The Secretary read the Minutes of the morning session. They were approved by the Convention. Voted to adjourn the 39th biennial session following the Worship Service.

Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein conducted the closing worship service, and Dr. I. W. Johnson gave the benediction.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *President.*
J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Secretary.*

SOUTHERN CONVENTION COMMITTEES.
1950 - 1952.

Committee on Advance—F. C. Lester, W. J. Andes, Mrs. J. H. McEwen, S. C. Harrell, Roy C. Helfenstein, J. H. Dollar, Mrs. W. B. Williams, D. R. Fonville.

Finance Committee—S. C. Harrell, Chairman, Clyde Fields, C. W. Gordon, A. H. McIver, Mrs. W. W. Sellers.

Special Action—H. G. Councill, Jr., Chairman, A. Lanson Granger, Frederick B. Eutsler, Mack V. Welch, Mark W. Andes, C. Baxter Twiddy, W. P. Smith.

Memoirs—J. Frank Morgan, Co-Chairman, N. G. Newman, E. M. Carter, Roy A. Larrick.

Stewardship—J. H. Dollar, Chairman, Emerson J. Rohart, Will B. O'Neill, W. A. Grissom, W. T. Madren, Tucker G. Humphries, James F. Darden.

Rural Church—K. D. Register, Chairman, Roy D. Coulter, Luther B. Grice, G. H. Veazey, George Gunter, R. T. Grissom, J. K. Landrum.

Ministry—F. E. Reynolds, Chairman, R. A. Whitten, W. E. Wisseman, T. Fred Wright, H. S. Hardcastle, E. Carl Brady.

Evangelism and Spiritual Life—Roy C. Helfenstein, Chairman, Thurman Bowers, J. H. Rountree, Clyde Fields, Cyrus Shoffner, O. D. Poythress, W. H. Baker, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, Fred Register, Mrs. R. L. House.

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NEWPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SHENANDOAH, VIRGINIA
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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred Second Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Newport Church near Shenandoah, Virginia, on August 9, 1950. The conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the president, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Rev. Roy D. Coulter conducted the worship service.

Rev. R. E. Newton gave words of welcome.

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—Roy D. Coulter, Clyde O. Koon, S. E. Madren, F. E. Newton, E. J. Rohart, R. A. Whitten.

Churches and Delegates.

Antioch—E. A. Showalter, Mrs. A. W. Andes.

Bethel—K. B. Dofflemyer, Mrs. H. T. Hensley, M. A. Dofflemyer.

Bethlehem—C. A. Phillips, J. S. Sellers, Miss Ella Pickering.

Beulah—Clarence Michael.

Concord—Mrs. Galen Salyards, Russell Smith.

Dry Run—Roderick Burke, Mrs. Maude Stenson.

Joppa—By letter.

Leaksville—B. F. McDaniel, Mrs. Lena Rothgeb, N. F. Painter, Charlotte Rothgeb.

Linville—Mrs. Mary Davis, Sam Earman, H. F. and Mrs. Rhodes.

Mayland—Mrs. Charlotte Litten, Una Crider, Paul Layman, Mrs. Paul Layman.

Mt. Lebanon—Mrs. Bettie Supples, Miss Nellie Comer.

Mt. Olivet (G)—Mrs. B. G. Snow, Mrs. R. C. Marshall, J. T. Marshall.

Mt. Olivet (R)—Mrs. Orson Smith, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. James Rodgers.

New Hope—Mrs. E. M. Spitzer, Mrs. H. E. Liskey.

Newport—C. W. Louderback, Leonard Higgs, Russell Alger.

Palmyra—By letter.

Timber Ridge—A. C. Oates, Mrs. A. C. Oates, Mrs. Elray Seldon, Mrs. Herbert Kump.

Winchester—C. A. Pugh, Mrs. H. F. Nelson, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. Golden Ruth Carter.

Wissler's Chapel—Mrs Ethel Foley, Mrs. Nina Will.

Wood's Chapel—Mrs. Austin Kipps, Mrs. Florence Day.

Rev. R. A. Whitten presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. A motion was carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of business for the session, subject to such changes as conference may find it necessary to make.

The following visitors were introduced to conference and accorded the privilege of the floor: Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lester, Dr. John G. Truitt, Miss Manorama Powar, Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. and Mrs G. H. Veazey

Dr. W. T. Scott addressed the conference on the topic: "Your Church at Work."

Rev. R. A. Newton made announcement about lunch.

The president appointed special committees as follows:

Nominating—E. A. Showalter, N. W. Morris, O. P. Smith, A. C. Oates, Mrs. Joseph Frazier.

Press—Dr. W. T. Scott, H. E. Liskey, Charlotte Rothgeb.

Finance—C. A. Phillips, N. F. Painter, C. A. Pugh.

Resolutions—Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Miss Ella Pickering, Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb.

Place—Mrs. B. G. Snow, Mrs. Austin Kipps, M. A. Dofflemyer, Mrs. Golden Carter.

Miss Manorama Powar, a missionary from India, addressed the conference on the subject: "Halfway to Freedom."

Dr. F. C. Lester led the closing prayer and gave thanks for lunch.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference reconvened at 1:45.

Prayer was led by Rev. E. J. Rohart.

An offering of $32.20 was received.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by R. O. Rothgeb.

Because the amount asked of the Mission Board was not definite, the president instructed the committee to bring in a detailed report as an item to have first place on Thursday morning.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Strange as it may seem, there was a time, not long ago, when many people felt that we in America had no obligation toward Foreign Missions. Their theory was—"The Lord will take care of the heathen"—thus trying to shirk responsibility.

In recent years we have awakened to opportunities offered us to send the gospel message to the uttermost parts of the earth, and otherwise to supply the needs of distressed fellowmen. We now think of missions without the adjectives *home* and *foreign,* but only as missions. Now that science has made the world one great neighborhood, let us as Christians through the Gospel of Christ work to make it a great brotherhood.

Your committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That we continue our support of Shaowu with our prayers and offerings.
2. That, in view of the excellent report from India given by Miss Manorama Powar of Bombay Province, we support in every way possible the work in India.

3. That we redouble our efforts in sending relief and the gospel to the distressed peoples of the world.

4. That we urge all the churches to support liberally the work of the American Bible Society.

5. That this conference endeavor to raise the $1,500 requested by the Southern Convention for missions.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,
MRS. J. E. BRYANT,
MRS. A. W. ANDES,
R. E. NEWTON.

Pending the adoption of the report, Dr. F. C. Lester addressed the conference on the subject: "Missions Today."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted as read.

Conference gave over to a business meeting of the Christian Missionary Association.

Rev. S. E. Madren explained the meaning of the C. M. A. and gave an opportunity for the collection of lues. C. M. A. memberships amounted to $202.50, plus $169 received in cash donations for a new church within the bounds of the conference. Total receipts through the C. M. A. were $371.50. The amount collected for dues will be used to supplement pastors' salaries; the $169 will be placed in the fund for a new church within the conference.

Officers of the C. M. A. are: Rev. Roy D. Coulter, president; Miss Charlotte Rothgeb, secretary.

On motion the conference recessed until the Evening Session.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The conference was called to order at 7:45 by the vice-president, Rev. R. E. Newton. The worship was led by Miss Betty Showalter, president of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Dr. F. C. Lester addressed the conference on the topic: "The Love of God in Our World."'

Rev. R. A. Whitten administered the Lord's Supper with the assistance of the following ministers: R. E. Newton, Roy D. Coulter, E. J. Rohart, S. E. Madren, G H. Veazey.

Following the administration of the Lord's Supper, the conference stood adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference was called to order at 9:45 by the president, Rev. R. A. Whitten. Rev. R. E. Newton conducted the worship.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

We feel that some progress is being made in our conference.

All churches are supplied with pastors. Each group has a parsonage. Practically all of the churches have made some improvement to their properties.

We are grateful to the Mission Board of The Southern Convention for the financial assistance given, which has made much of this progress possible.

We need to establish new church centers for the changing population, since many of our church people are locating in towns where we have no place of worship.

We have made some growth in membership, but we need a greater evangelistic effort. We have made considerable gains financially, but we need to take more seriously what the Word of God has to say about tithing. We believe this would solve all of our financial problems and bring us into closer relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Since through the financial assistance given by the Mission Board of The Southern Convention, for the purpose of supplementing the salaries of our ministers, many of our churches have been encouraged to undertake much needed improvement; and since this in turn has created a new interest in the church; we are, in view of these facts, asking the Mission Board for $1,200.00 for the conference year 1950-51.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. ROTHGEB, *Chairman,*
EMERSON J. ROHART,
O. W. ANDES,
M. A. DOFFLEMYRE,
ROY D. COULTER,
C. W. LOUDERBACK,
C. O. KOON,
LEYBURN BRILL,
K. T. ROTHGEB,
RUSSELL SMITH.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

We recommend that we, as Christians, commit ourselves to the mission of evangelism, and strive to achieve the following objectives:

1. A spiritual renewal of the ministry.
2. The spiritual renewal of each member of the church.
3. The reaching and winning of all the unchurched of the nation and the world.
4. Contact all members who have moved to new communities.
5. Preach and teach Christ to all, with the purpose of enlisting workers in the vineyard.
6. Plan for revivals at least once each year—more if possoble—in every church.
7. Have each Sunday school teacher make a list of members who are not church members, and work on them with the purpose of enlisting them in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY D. COULTER, *Chairman,*
CLYDE O. KOON,
S. E. MADREN.

Dr. William Moseley Brown was presented to conference. He gave an address on the "Elon College Sustaining Fund."

Dr. Brown read the following resolution, explaining that: "If you adopt the resolution, you do not commit yourself beyond giving your membership an opportunity to contribute":

RESOLUTION SETTING UP ELON COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND.
Adopted by The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, May 3, 1950.

Elon College has made commendable progress and advancement in recent years. Its expanding program calls for larger and continued financial support.

We recommend that in addition to the regular apportionment for the college, the convention approve, and through its conferences and churches engage in an effort to raise a minimum of $1.00 per member annually for a sustaining fund for Elon College; this effort to be a cooperative one to be participated in by the college administration, the Elon College Foundation, the convention, the conferences and church officials; that a committee be constituted by this convention, the duty of which shall be to work for the convention in cooperation with the officials named above, to formulate the plans whereby this proposal shall be carried to the entire constituency of the convention.

NOTE.—The officers of the "Elon College Sustaining Fund" are: Hon. Mills E. Godwin, general chairman; Rev. W. Millard Stevens, co-chairman; Mrs. O. H. Paris, co-chairman; Hon. Shirley T. Holland, co-chairman; W. M. Brown, executive secretary.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Dr. John G. Truitt addressed the conference on the Christian Orphanage, using as his topic: "Not in the Budget."

Miss Powar addressed the conference, using as her topic: "The Church in India."

A verbal report of the Committee on Stewardship was given by Rev. E. J. Rohart. He stated that he was ashamed of "my church, my conference and myself, that we have only talked about a new church and have done nothing about it."

A motion was carried that this conference go on record as favoring the purchase of a lot or lots in Harrisonburg to begin a new church.

NOTE.—At a joint meeting of the Executive and Home Mission Committees on September 29, 1950, at Bethlehem Church, R. O. Rothgeb, chairman of the Home Mission Committee, appointed Rev. E. J. Rohart, O. W. Andes and M. A. Dofflemyer to serve with him on a committee to make investigations about a lot in Harrisonburg.

A motion was carried that this conference make an earnest effort to secure at least 25% of its membership as tithers.

Rev. E. J. Rohart offered the closing prayer and grace for lunch.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference was called to order at 1:45, by President Whitten.

The worship service was conducted by Rev. G. H. Veazey.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Literature has a great influence on the lives of the people in our homes. What we read either helps or hinders our moral and spiritual development.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. A more diligent study of the Bible, the basis of all religious literature.
2. That each church appoint a *Christian Sun* representative who will endeavor to secure subscriptions.
3. That a wider use be made of the *Missionary Herald* and *Children's Religion*.
4. That our Sunday schools use our own literature put out by the Pilgrim Press, Boston, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. FRANK,
MISS ELLA PICKERING.

The report of the Treasurer was read by O. W. Andes and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

CONFERENCE FUND.

	Amount brought forward as reported at Conference last year...	$1,634.62
9- 2-49	By cash from Timber Ridge Church, C. M. A. fund	5.00
10- 3-49	By cash from Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Annual	.25
5-15-50	By cash from Rev. E. J. Rohart, Annuals	4.00
6- 8-50	By cash from Rev. Clyde O. Koon, Annuals	9.50
8- 9-50	By cash from C. M. A. fund	62.50
8- 9-50	Special Conference offering	35.20

Amounts from Churches for Conference Fund:		
Antioch	$ 71.00	
Bethlehem	45.00	
Bethlehem	60.00	
Beulah	6.00	
Concord	27.00	
Dry Run	35.00	
Joppa	9.00	
Leaksville	105.00	
Linville	105.00	
Mayland	65.00	
Mt. Lebanon	17.00	
Mt. Olivet (G)	69.00	
Mt. Olivet (R)	60.00	
New Hope	35.00	
Newport	69.00	
Palmyra	18.00	
Timber Ridge	69.00	
Winchester	110.00	
Wissler's Chapel	18.00	
Wood's Chapel	20.00	
		1,013.00
Total Receipts and Balance from last year		$2,764.07

Disbursements.

8-11-49	Dr. F. C. Lester, traveling expenses	$ 15.00	
8-15-49	O. W. Ands, Treasurer, services	10.00	
8-15-49	O. W. Andes, postage	2.40	
8-15-49	Rev. R. A. Whitten, expenses, postage, etc.	23.75	
8-15-49	Rev. S. E. Madren, Secretary, services and expenses	26.97	
8-15-49	Rev. W. J. Andes, traveling expenses	7.50	
8-31-49	Heishman Furniture Co., moving Rev. Rohart	75.00	
9-10-49	Pifer Printing Co., printing programs	9.20	
10-19-49	Dr. W. T. Scott, printing Conference minutes	4.65	
12-12-49	Geo. D. Colclough, Conference report blanks	7.70	
4-18-50	Pifer Printing Co., printing Mid-Year programs	4.25	
5-15-50	Geo. D. Colclough, Treasurer, Board of Publications, for ANNUALS	109.75	
8-10-50	Pifer Printing Co., printing programs	9.75	
8-10-50	Dr. F. C. Lester, traveling expenses	15.00	
			$ 302.92
	Rev. E. J. Rohart	$ 525.00	
	Rev. Roy D. Coulter	550.00	
	Rev. S. E. Madren	247.00	
	Rev. Clyde O Koon	22.50	
			$1,244.50
Total Disbursements			$1,565.42
Balance in Treasury			1,198.65
Total			$2,764.07

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Amount previously reported at the Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift Co.	$ 213.52
Amount of interest accumulated on the above account	16.08
Special Conference Offering—August 9, 1949	169.00
Special Conference Offering, August 10, 1949	97.70
Total	$ 496.30

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. ANDES, *Treasurer.*

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, recommend the payment of the following bills: Printing of programs, $9.75; salary of secretary, $20.00; S. E. Madren, expenses as delegate to the Virginia Council of Churches, $5.00; expenses of secretary, $4.62; expenses of treasurer, $1.68; salary of treasurer, $10.00; expenses of president, $30.00; printing registration cards, $4.50; Dr. F. C. Lester, travel expenses, $15.00.

Total, $100.55.

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. PHILLIPS,
N. F. PAINTER,
C. A. PUGH.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was given by H. E. Liskey, as follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Virginia Valley Sunday School Convention met with the Antioch Christian Church, Thursday, June 8, 1950.

Sixteen of the nineteen Sunday schools of the convention were represented. Reports indicate that eight Sunday schools have Cradle Rolls; five Sunday schools have Home Departments, and all nineteen Sunday schools have organized classes.

The following officers were elected for the year 1950-51:

President, H. E. Liskey, Rt. 2, Harrisonburg, Va.
Vice-President, N. W. Morris, Dyke, Va.
Secretary, Mrs. Galen Salyards.
Assistant Secretary, Miss Irma Foltz.
Treasurer, E. A. Showalter, Rt. 4, Harrisonburg, Va.

The Sunday School Convention will meet on Thursday, June 14, 1950, at Timber Ridge.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. LISKEY.

On motion the report was admitted to record.

Miss Verdie Showalter gave a verbal report on Woman's Work. She urged that the women of the conference stand behind Mrs. J. E. Bryant, the new president, and support the cause of missions.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

Be it resolved—

1. That we express by a rising vote our thanks to the members and friends of Newport Church for their gracious hospitality in their homes and for the delicious meals served.

2. That we express our thanks to the Program Committee for the well planned program.

3. That we extend our sincere appreciation to the speakers: Miss Manarama Powar, of India; Dr. F. C. Lester, and Dr. W. T. Scott, for their inspiring messages, and to others whose contributions made the program most worthwhile.

4. That we dedicate ourselves anew in helping to advance the various branches of the work of our church, both at home and around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HAROLD RHODES,
MRS. J. E. BRYANT,
MRS. E. LENA ROTHGEB,
MISS ELLA PICKERING.

On motion the report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted, and a rising vote of thanks was expressed by the conference for the hospitality shown by the Newport Church.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Committee on Apportionments, recommend that the askings of the Southern Convention be added to our present apportionments, as follows:

The Christian Sun	$ 150.00
Increase in Convention Fund	225.00
Total	$ 375.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SHOWALTER.
M. A. DOFFLEMYER,
C. A. PHILLIPS.

VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

APPORTIONMENT GOAL TABLE—1950-51

To be used by the Churches in making their contributions for others in *"Our Christian World Mission"*

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions and Shaowu	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Totals
Antioch	$ 172	$ 100	$ 85	$ 85	$ 29	$ 29	$ 78	$ 8	$ 5	$ 12	$ 71	$ 674
Bethel	114	75	67	82	24	24	61	15	9	13	45	529
Bethlehem	100	76	67	92	24	24	61	7	5	10	60	526
Beulah	13	13	6	6	2	3	5	2	1	1	6	58
Concord	40	30	21	21	7	7	19	5	3	4	27	184
Dry Run	44	30	28	42	11	11	24	7	4	4	35	240
Joppa	16	16	9	9	3	3	9	3	1	2	9	80
Leaksville	130	80	79	109	28	28	69	15	10	14	105	667
Linville	140	110	70	90	28	28	73	15	10	14	105	683
Mayland	42	26	42	26	9	10	24	7	5	4	65	260
Mount Lebanon	47	37	23	23	9	10	24	9	7	6	17	212
Mount Olivet (G)	54	50	33	33	11	11	30	10	7	5	69	313
Mount Olivet (R)	40	30	24	24	9	9	23	10	8	5	60	242
New Hope	51	45	33	33	12	12	28	5	3	4	35	261
Newport	122	35	155	88	27	27	73	14	9	12	69	631
Palmyra	19	19	12	12	4	4	12	8	5	3	18	116
Timber Ridge	111	91	66	66	22	22	59	19	12	12	69	549
Winchester	160	607	100	100	61	58	169	23	15	17	110	1,420
Wissler's Chapel	43	19	21	21	5	5	19	4	3	4	18	162
Wood's Chapel	42	20	19	19	5	5	15	7	4	4	20	160
Totals	$1,500	$1,509	$ 960	$ 981	$ 330	$ 330	$ 875	$ 193	$ 126	$ 150	$1,013	$7,967

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following to serve as officers for the year 1950-51:

President, R. A. Whitten,
Vice-President, R. W. Newton,
Secretary, S. E. Madren,
Assistant Secretary, C. A. Phillips,
Treasurer, O. W. Andes,
Delegates to Virginia Counsil of Churches:
R. A. Larrick and S. E. Madren.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SHOWALTER,
A. C. OATES,
O. P. SMITH,
N. W. MORRIS,
MISS CHARLOTTE ROTHGEB.

It was moved and carried that the report be adopted and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the conference in favor of the nominees. The secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the officers named were declared elected.

A motion was carried that the minutes be published in THE ANNUAL and that the conference purchase 125 copies for distribution at the price of 25c a copy.

The report of the Committee on Place was read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

Bethel extended an invitation for the next Annual Conference. We, therefore, recommend that the invitation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. G. SNOW,
MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS,
MRS. GOLDEN CARTER.

On motion, Bethel was accepted as the place for the Annual Conference, August 8-9, 1951.

The president appointed the following Standing Committees for 1950-1951:

STANDING COMMITTEES—1950-1951.

Executive—Robert A, Whitten, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, Roy A. Larrick.

Ministry—Robert A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, Roy D. Coulter, Clyde O. Koon, Emerson J. Rohart.

Foreign Missions—R. E. Newton, Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Miss Verdie Showalter.

Home Missions—Ralph O. Rothgeb, chairman, C. W. Louderback, M. A. Dofflemyer, E. A. Showalter, Clarence A. Phillips, J. M. Lohr, Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Russell Smith, Roy D. Coulter, Clyde O. Koon, Leyburn Brill, O. W. Andes, Emerson J. Rohart, K. T. Rothgeb.

Stewardship—Emerson J. Rohart, Roy D. Coulter, E. F. Showalter, O. A. Bazzle, Vernon Whitacre.

Evangelism—Roy D. Coulter, S. E. Madren, Clyde O. Koon.

Religious Literature—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. Noah Painter, Miss Ella Pickering.

Apportionments—E. A. Showalter, Roy A. Larrick, B. F. McDaniel, M. A. Dofflemyer, Clarence A. Phillips.

Laymen's Fellowship—Roy A. Larrick, K. B. Doffllemyre, H. E. Liskey, M. L. Seldon.

Social Action—K. T. Rothgeb, N. W. Morris, Eugene Russell, Jr.

Woman's Conference—Mrs. J. E. Bryant.

Temperance, or Moral and Social Welfare—Clyde O. Koon, Emerson J. Rohart, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. O. J. Sours, Mrs. Gaylon Salyards.

Sunday Schools—H. E. Liskey.

Conference Missions Secretary—Ralph O. Rothgeb.

Director of Religious Education—Mrs. Robert A. Whitten.

A motion was carried that following the meditation led by Dr. F. C. Lester the conference stand adjourned.

Dr. F. C. Lester led the closing meditation.

R. A. WHITTEN, *President,*
S. E. MADREN, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference

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WAKE CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FUQUAY SPRINGS, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 17, 18, 1950

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met and was called to order by the president, Rev. R. T. Grissom, at 10:00 a. m., Tuesday, October 17, 1951, at Wake Chapel Christian Church, Fuquay Springs, N. C.

Devotional services were conducted by Dr. Robert Lee House.

ENROLLMENT.

*Ministers**—J. Frank Apple, Emory M. Carter, James A. Denton, Frederick B. Eutsler, Raymond T. Grissom, Robert Lee House, J. Lee Johnson, William B. O'Neill, Fred P. Register, T. Fred Wright, Carl Wallace and those received at this session: W. Clay Farrell, Geo. M. Tally and R. Eugene Tally.

Churches and Delegates.

Amelia—T. N. Daughtrey, Howard Godwin, Mrs. T. N. Daughtrey, Mrs. Howard Godwin.

Antioch—Mrs. S. R. Jones, Mrs. C. H. Acree, Roy Spragin.

Auburn—Mrs. Vernie Poole, Mrs. Herbert Langston, Mrs. Andrew Ford.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Roy Jones, Mrs. Luther Walker.

Bethel—

Beulah—Mrs. S. R. Johnson, Mrs. A. W. Watkins.

Chapel Hill—E. W. Neville.

Christian Chapel—

Christian Light—Mrs. W. H. Prince, Mrs. C. D. Hardee, Mrs. I. B. Arnold, Mrs. C. F. Powell

Clayton—

Damascus—Allen Johnson, R. F. Poythress.

Ebenezer—By report.

Fuller's Chapel—Leroy Woods, Mrs. Leroy Woods, Mrs. Marvin Hersman, Mrs. F. W. Grissom.

Good Hope—Vivian Davis, Mrs. Margaret Davis.

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*The following ministers were absent: Jesse E. Franks, Britton J. Howard, S. Wade Marr, Bernard V. Munger, William B. Steininger, Herbert Scholz.

Hayes Chapel—

Henderson—Mrs. W. H. Masters, Mrs. A. R. Hamm, Mrs. I. H. Vickery, Mrs. J. Frank Apple.

Hope Mills—By report

Lebanon—Vance Cox, Mrs. Vance Cox.

Lee's Chapel—Mrs. J. C. Gray, Mrs. Junnie Gunter, Mrs. Joe Watson.

Liberty, Vance—M. L. Grissom, C. O. Eaves, W. S. Ayscue, Miss Ruina Winn.

Martha's Chapel—Ernest Council, Clifford Morgan.

Moore Union—U. S. Burns, Mrs. U. S. Burns, P. D. Lett, Mrs. A. R. Lett.

Morrisville—R. B. Gupton, Mrs. R. B. Gupton.

Mt. Auburn—William B. Ellington, J. Allen Kimball.

Mt. Carmel—Mrs. William Munn, Mrs. Graham Ball.

Mt. Gilead—J. E. Nelms, Mrs. J. E. Nelms.

Mt. Hermon—Lee Yillerford, Mrs. Nannie Smith, J. E. Branch, Guy Smith.

New Elam—Miss Rennie Webster, Ernest Holt, Miss Mary Webster, Garland Mansfield.

New Hope—Two

Niagara—

Oak Level—W. H. Hudson, G. E. Ball.

O'Kelly's Chapel—B. H. Ellis, Mrs. B. H. Ellis.

Piney Plain—Mrs. L. L. Woodall, Mrs. C. W. Franklin, Mrs. T. T. Brown.

Pleasant Hill—Carl Dixon, Z. B. Byrd, Jr.

Pleasant Union—

Plymouth—Mrs. T. Glenn Ogburn, Mrs. H. C. McGee, Paul Lawrence.

Pope's Chapel—J. W. House, Mrs. J. W. House, H. B. Conyers, Mrs. H. B. Conyers, Mrs. T. B Moore, Miss Ethel Holmes.

Raleigh—Prof. L. L. Vaughan, Miss Susie Allen.

Sanford—Mrs. W. B. O'Neill, Mrs. A. H. McIver.

Shallow Well—Mrs. Robert Watson, Charlie Watson, Mrs. Charlie Watson, Mrs. Paul Rosser.

Six Forks—Inactive.

Southern Pines—Mrs. Minnie Austin, Mrs. M. Y. Poe, Mrs. Wesley Stoltz.

Turner's Chapel—Miss Blennin Dawson, Mrs. J. M. Riddle, Mrs. B. V. Wicker.

Wake Chapel—Renno Cotton, Glendon Johnson, Paul Stephens, Ray Powell, W. J. Ballentine.

Wentworth—

Youngsville—Mrs. Elsie Timberlake, Mrs. E. M. Carter.

By motion, the program as prepared by the Program Committee was adopted as the order of business, subject to such changes as may prove necessary.

By motion, Rev. J. Frank Apple was elected vice-president for the session.

The following visitors were introduced and seated as deliberative members: Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Dr. William Moseley Brown of Elon College; Rev. M. L. Fogleman of the Western North Carolina Conference; Rev. G. M. Tally; Rev. R. Eugene Tally; Rev. W. Clay Farrell; Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention; Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Dr. Howard T. Bozarth, pastor of the Elon College Community Church; Dr. W. T. Scott, Convention Superintendent, and Dr. Ross W. Sanderson of New York.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee met by call of the chairman at Henderson, N. C., March 14, 1950, with all members present and the following visitors: Supt. W. T. Scott, President L. E. Smith of Elon College, and President John G. Truitt of the Southern Convention.

Dr. Scott read communications setting forth the purpose of the meeting, relating to the conditions existing within the United Church in Raleigh, N. C. The matter was discussed at some length, when Dr. Truitt suggested that we ask the pastor of the church, Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler, to a conference with the committee. This was accepted, and the committee was called in an adjourned session at Youngsville, March 21, 1950, at 2:00 p. m.

At this time, Mr. Eutsler being present made statement of his interpretation of the actions which lead to this seeming deadlock. The meeting closed after considerable discussion with no definite steps toward a solution.

It was decided that the president and secretary of the conference would have the authority to certify to the credentials of the delegates to the Southern Convention.

By vote the committee endorsed the work of Dr. Ross W. Sanderson within the conference and asked that the churches be notified as to time, etc.

It was voted that a special effort be made to reconcile the churches in the conference that have been inactive; and it was decided, first, to secure the cooperation of the pastors of these churches if possible. The meeting adjourned.

The committee was called to meet again on September 9, 1950, at Shallow Well. This was a joint meeting with the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference. Those present from that conference were Dr. F. C. Lester, Rev. W. W. Hall, and Mr. Geo. T. Gunter. Revs. G. M. Tally, R. Eugene Tally, and W. C. Farrell, being in waiting, were invited into the meeting. A special prayer for Divine guidance was offered by Rev. R. T. Grissom. Statements were made by Rev. R. T. Grissom, Dr. F. C. Lester and Rev. W. C. Farrell. After a legthy discussion as to the importance of a better understanding with the above named brethren, an agreement was entered into and signed by all concerned. This agreement is for a spiritual understanding and a brotherly co-operation in the interest of the Kingdom and for the good of the conference.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was called, and Rev. J. A. Denton, being in waiting, came before the committee. After a statement by Dr. Scott, Mr. Denton made a clear, definite statement concerning the rumors of the past. After discussion, it was voted that we continue Mr. Denton in our fellowship as a minister in good and regular standing. The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. T. Fred Wright.

The certificate of transfer from the Eastern Virginia Conference of Dr. Will B. O'Neill has been received, and we recommend that he be received into this conference in good and regular standing.

R. T. GRISSOM,
E. M. CARTER,
T. FRED WRIGHT,
J. FRANK APPLE.

Mr. W. J. Ballentine presented the Treasurer's report, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

1949	*Receipts.*		
Oct. 1	Balance on hand		$ 209.95
1950			
Oct. 1	Collections for Conference		303.80
	Total		$ 513.75
1950	*Disbursements.*		
Oct. 19	Rev. S. C. Dollar, expense	$ 10.00	
	Church of Wide Fellowship, meals for Elon Singers	30.00	
29	Rev. E. M. Carter, Secretary	50.00	
	Rev. E. M. Carter, postage	8.25	
	Elon Singers, traveling expenses	88.00	
	Central Publishing Co., programs	4.50	
	N. C. Council of Churches, apportionment	100.00	
June 12	Board of Publications, ANNUALS	198.75	
			399.50
Oct. 1	Balance on Hand		$ 114.25

W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer.*

By motion the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The president appointed the following Special Committees:

Nominations—A. H. McIver, Rev. Carl Wallace, Mrs. W. B. O'Neill.
Press—Miss Susie Allen, Rev. Fred P. Register.
Finance—C. A. Ballentine, Rev. J. Frank Apple, Mrs. J. Yored.
Place—Mrs. Charlie Watson, Mrs. C. A. Ballentine, Miss Margaret Alston.
Resolutions—Mrs. J. F. Apple, Rev. T. Fred Wright.

Mrs. Joe Williams was appointed to assist the secretary.

The report on Christian Education was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The problems of our generation call for a more realistic teaching of the principles of Jesus Christ and a more courageous exemplifying of his teachings in all areas of life. It is becoming increasingly obvious that in order to avoid disaster we must turn back to the life-giving, yeasty fundamentals taught by Jesus and make them more regnant in our daily rounds. Bound together by a strong and reasoned faith, we will be better able to resist the common enemies of mankind and enter into the promised land of an ordered society. Unless we have an informed church membership, we can hardly hope to Christianize the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Here in the United States, our traditional and abiding freedoms give us a unique opportunity to utilize all available methods for religious teaching. Denominational and interdenominational facilities are available. For instance, training Sunday school teachers and church leaders for Christian education will be advanced greatly with the completion of a series of audio-visual materials to be used widely throughout the country. The kit of new tools for leadership education was developed by 18 denominations through the International Council of Religious Education. In the past our training has depended rather largely on printed materials, lectures and discussion, with slight use of this important technique which has been developed with great success by industry, public education and the armed services. With the new Leadership Audio-Visual Kit, however, Protestant churches will be able to use the miracle of sight and sound in the training of more effective teachers and officers.

Our churches in the Norfolk, Virginia, area are holding a leadership training institute this week. The courses are being taught by the local pastors. Plans are being made for institutes in our conference during the coming year.

Many public schools are rapidly outgrowing their present quarters as enrollment increases. There is something wrong with our Sunday schools if they do not reflect the same trend. We heartily commend those churches that are making more adequate and up-to-date provision for their schools. Sanford recently completed a new and spacious educational plant. Southern Pines is planning for a new, modern structure. This movement should be accentuated widely, substantially, promptly.

ELON COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND.

Sunday, October 22, is Elon Sustaining Fund Sunday. We recommend that this observance be held. The churches that do so are in line with Convention recommendations. They are helping to build a solid foundation for the total program of the Church.

We can be thankful that yonder at Elon are trained and consecrated teachers. They are our colleagues, our ambassadors to the royal court of higher learning.

The last one of us can give a lift to Christian education. We can deny ourselves of some frivolous privilege and make a greater investment in the realm of character education. This is the privilege of every public spirited citizen.

Why should one contribute to the Elon Sustaining Fund? Consider the relevance of this testimony by William Green: "To look on our life merely from the point of view of its utility is to ignore the requirements it makes on self-sacrifice and loyalty. A man conscious of the spirituality of the human soul is a man conscious of his obligations to his country and his fellow men, and he willingly gives the loyalty and makes the sacrifices that his citizenship demands. Our forefathers saw dangers ahead for democracy if freedom were divorced from morality. The experiences of our own time drive this truth home with dreadful urgency."

In this spirit and realization, therefore, let us observe and implement the Elon Sustaining Fund. Eastern North Carolina should lead the way for other conferences.

ROBERT LEE HOUSE, *Chairman.*

While the report was pending, Dr. L. E. Smith gave a verbal report on Elon College, and Dr. William Woseley Brown gave an interpretation of the Sustaining Fund. The report was then adopted.

Rev. Fred P. Register gave the report of the Sunday School Convention as follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention of the Eastern North Carolina Conference met at the Shallow Well Christian Church, near Sanford, July 12, 1950. Rev. W. J. Andes gave the feature address on "The Importance of the Sunday School." We had one of our best workshops for the Sunday school workers. This was due in part to the fine job done by the leaders: Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. Robert Lee House, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, and Rev. R. T. Grissom.

All this is fine and good, but we shamefully acknowledge that out of 47 churches we had only eighteen represented. We compare this with records of one year ago: Valley of Virginia, 19 of their 20 churches; Eastern Virginia, almost all of their churches reported; North Carolina and Virginia, about 95 per cent, and Western North Carolina, 19 out of 38.

We do not know of any church that is growing without a Sunday school. We do not think any Sunday school has all the answers, but believe the answer is in sharing our failures and our successes.

We have a Planning Committee that we are expecting good things from. Officers for next year are, Fred P. Register, president; K. G. Weldon, vice-president; Mrs. B. B. Johnson, secretary, and J. E. Branch, treasurer.

FRED P. REGISTER.

The report was adopted.

President Grissom spoke on the subject, "God's Handwriting in the Congregational Christian Church."

Communion service was conducted by Dr. Will B. O'Neill, assisted by Rev. Carl Wallace, Rev. J. Frank Apple, Rev. R. T. Grissom and Dr. R. L. House.

Conference adjourned for lunch. Prayer and benediction by Dr. John G. Truitt.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by President Grissom. Hymn and prayer by Rev. W. C. Farrell.

"Our Mid-Century Advance," by Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

What is Evangelism? Whatever it is, it is the supreme task of the Christian Church. It is the propagation of the Christian faith by word and deed. The Christian Church must preach and live the "Living Word." According to John R. Mott, evangelism is "the process of bringing men into vital contact with Jesus Christ." The Christian Church began and continues to grow in a very simple fashion—witness bearing.

Our Lord has given to us the key. He preached an evangelistic sermon to the hungry-hearted Nicodemus. He gave His Great Commission to evangelize the world to a few earnest souls. They caught his passion and became aflamed with his Spirit. They went out in his name and won converts to the new way of life.

Have we not to a great extent, in this age of material progress, lost this passion and zeal for the lost that the Church possessed in the earlier days? The Church on her knees is a great power. Prayer changes things.

From Aaron N. Meckel's book, *New Day for Evangelism*, we quote: "Then, Church of the Living God, descend again to your knees in humble, believeing prayer, prayer that takes hold of the mighty powers of God and realizes them in self-forgetful service to a needy humanity! Then, like that first infant Church, you shall again appear before the eyes of unbelieving men, 'fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners'! (Sol. 6:10.)"

Therefore we recommend:

1. That each church set a definite goal for the increase in church attendance and of church membership for the coming conference year.
2. That each Sunday school and church place special emphasis on developing the spiritual life of their members.
3. That we urge the laymen of our churches to take a more active part in evangelism.
4. That we use every means available to win men to Christ and his Church.

J. FRANK APPLE,
FRED P. REGISTER,
J. A. DENTON.

After discussion by Revs. J. Frank Apple and Fred P. Register, the report was adopted.

The report on Home Missions was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our churches cannot have a strong outreach without a strong home base. One of the very encouraging events of 1950 was the coming of Dr. Ross Sanderson of the National Board of Home Missions to meet with the president of this conference, the chairman of this committee and others to make a survey of the churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference. Dr. Sanderson is a specialist in the field of survey and reporting. He has not yet completed his studies. Dr. Sanderson came specific-

ally at the request of the Regional Council of the Southeast, and he is covering every Southern State in which we have churches. At the initial meeting we made a rapid study of the churches, braking them down into classifications: open country, town-country, city-urban, industrial center, or mill town, plus one town-tourist. Dr. Sanderson will return later to specific points that are representative of the different types.

This study should be of great value to the conference in determining whether or not it should and where it should establish new churches. The survey will give the conference a graph of its strong and weak points. It will further enable the conference to see at what points it should extend and where to retrench. After this study is completed, the conference should be ready to pool its resources for use wherever they may be needed.

The National Board of Home Missions stresses the work among migrants. This is of particular interest to us since migrant labor is used in our state, indeed in some of our counties. We aid migrant workers through our small contribution to the North Carolina Council of Churches. There is also a limited amount given through the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention.

No report would be complete without mentioning the work of the Woman's Missionary Conference. Their work is divided between foreign and home missions. A home project has been chosen for the 1950 Thank Offering, namely, the redecorating of Whitley Auditorium at Elon College. Another of their gifts is Friendly Service donation to Franklinton Center, our Negro training center, which lies within the bounds of this conference. The women adopted as their theme in 1949—"We Dedicate Ourselves"; and now in 1950—"Thy Will To Do." These might well serve as themes for the Home Missions Committee. Dedication of time, thought, money and work to establish points of home interest and the will to do it!

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT LEE HOUSE,
Chairman.

By motion the conference was adjourned for a session of the Conference Missionary Association, after which conference reconvened, and the report of the C. M. A. was adopted as follows:

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The third session of the Conference Missionary Association was held in the afternoon of the first day of the 125th Annual Session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, with Rev. J. Frank Apple, president, presiding.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the treasurer was read by the secretary, and was adopted as read. Amount of money in the treasury, $587.00.

Dr. John G. Truitt told about the work of the C. M. A. in the Eastern Virginia Conference.

The following officers were elected: Rev. J. Frank Apple, president; K. G. Weldon, vice-president; Margaret Alston, secretary; I. H. Vickery, treasurer.

Motion was carried that a Planning Committee of the C. M. A. be appointed to work with the Home Mission Committee of the conference. The following were appointed on the committee: Rev. Fred P. Register, chairman; Glendon Johnson, A. H. McIver, Mrs. J. L. Read, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

The C. M. A. adjourned to meet the first day of conference next year.

J. FRANK APPLE, *President,*
MARGARET ALSTON, *Secretary.*

An informative address was given by Dr. Ross W. Sanderson of New York, who used as his subject "The Churches of the South."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, representing our Congregational Christian Churches of which our conference is a part, is at work in twelve countries trying to meet the challenge of the needs around the world. We

have a world parish of nearly 30 million of people, who are in need of Christ and who without our help may never hear his message. It is appalling, then when we read that we have fewer missionaries in all our mission fields to day than we had 30 years ago. So it is no wonder that the world is in such a chaotic state as it is when we as Christians have failed in this obligation.

Dr. David McKeith, Jr., executive vice-president of the American Board, has declared, "There can be no permanent growth of good will and peace on earth, unless we do our part in the liberation of all people from the bondage of hate and fear."

The Foreign Mission work is certainly a challenge to us, and may we of the Eastern North Carolina Conference accept it as such and do our part in helping to bring about a Christian world order, knowing that the future of it is in our hands.

Therefore, we recommend:

1. That we dedicate our lives and our possessions to God, giving as we have never before, for sacrifice is the fruit of love.
2. That our pastors emphasize missions more, knowing that the success of our foreign work depends on our home churches.
3. That all members read *The Christian Sun, The Missionary Herald* and other missionary magazines so as to keep informed of the needs of the mission work.
4. That we all join together to do greater work in the coming year, trying to fulfill Jesus' Commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

MARGARET ALSTON,
SUSIE ALLEN,
MRS. J. FRANK APPLE.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill spoke on the subject, "Our Youth at Work." The report was then adopted.

By motion the secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. J. A. Kimball a message of greetings and best wishes.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We nominate the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. R. T. Grissom;
Vice-President, Rev. Fred P. Register;
Secretary, Rev. E. M. Carter;
Treasurer, W. J. Ballentine.

Members at large of the Executive Committee:
J. Allen Kimball, Rex G. Powell.

Representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches:
Miss Susie Allen, Dr. Will B. O'Neill.

A. H. MCIVER,
CARL WALLACE,
MRS. W. B. O'NEILL.

By motion the report was adopted and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot, which was done and each nominee was declared elected to his respective office for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee on Education and Standing of the Ministry was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

We, your committee, report, that according to the 1949 ANNUAL, this conference does not have a student in the Biblical Class at Elon College. It is a sad fact that we are not producing enough ministers to supply the pulpits of our churches.

May we look on the field that is white unto harvest and pray that the Lord will call, and send, laborers to work for the coming of his Kingdom.

We recommend:

1. That Rev. Carl Wallace be received as a member of this conference on transfed from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.
2. That Rev. George M. Talley be received as an ordained minister in good and regular standing into this conference.
3. That the former Western North Carolina Conference licensures, Brothers R. Eugene Tally and W. Clay Farrell, be recognized and that they be given Conference Ordination at this session of conference.

We note with regret that several ministers in this conference do not attend the annual session of conference nor make a report to the conference. We call attention to page 22, chapter 2, section 2, and paragraph 6, in *The Manual* of the Southern Convention regarding the duties of ministers, which reads as follows: "It is his duty to be present at every annual meeting of the conference and submit a written report of his labors. If prevented from attending, he shall report by letter."

T. FRED WRIGHT,
WILL B. O'NEILL,
E. M. CARTER.

The president appointed the following Ordaining Presbytery: Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Rev. J. Frank Apple, Rev. E. M. Carter and Dr. W. T. Scott.

Conference adjourned till 7:30. Prayer and benediction by Dr. L. E. Smith.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Devotional services were conducted by the young people of the host church. Sermon by Rev. Carl Wallace.

In a very inspiring service, Revs. R. Eugene Taley and W. Clay Farrell were ordained to the Gospel ministry as Conference Elders. Rev. E. M. Carter extended the right hand of fellowship, followed by all the ministers present, and the members of conference.

Conference adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 9:30.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. R. Eugene Tally.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by President Grissom.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. Frank Apple.

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and adopted as corrected.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Year after year, succeeding committees have presented their report on Religious Literature, drawing attention to the value of selecting the best literature, past and present, for the furnishing of the mind and the quickening of the human spirit, that we might prove ourselves "as workers that needeth not to be ashamed."

Your committee can only re-emphasize that which has been said so many times before, and respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Bible be given the place of primary importance in our reading. That we study it diligently and devotionally and thus give Christ the opportunity to open to us its rich treasures that we may become men and women of the "burning heart.'
2. That we seek some method by which *The Christian Sun* shall find its way, each week of its publication, into every home of our Church within the bounds

of this conference. It carries such a wealth of material for our information and inspiration that not one of our homes should be without it.

3. That our denominational papers—*Advance, The Missionary Herald, Pilgrim Youth* and *Social Action* deserve a much wider reading by our constituency and we would therefore urge our pastors to bring these periodicals to the attention of our churches.
4. That those of our churches which are not using the Sunday school lesson materials published by our own denomination give serious thought to the questions of denominational loyalty and support. We are awere of the complaints that these lesson materials are "too difficult" or "not suited to the needs of our smaller Sunday schools," but we are sure that every difficulty can be overcome by intelligent persistence. We know of no better materials published than those by the Pilgrim Press and we therefore recommend their use by all of our Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted,

SADIE H. O'NEILL,
E. W. NEVILLE.

After discussion by Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. J. G. Truitt, W. H. Hudson, E. W. Neville and Rev. E. M. Carter, the report was adopted.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill gave a brief report of the Woman's Missionary Conference.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented, and after discussion by Drs. W. B. O'Neill, W. T. Scott and Howard B. Bozarth, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

There is confusion in many minds regarding this question of Stewardship. To some people it means tithing, or giving the tenth of one's income to the work of the Kingdom, but this is a very limited interpretation of all that is involved in Stewardship. The great fact of the Christian faith is that God gives himself to us completely in Jesus Christ and in response to that gift we should give ourselves to him. That is what Stewardship is, the giving of all of our life to God, that he might work out his purposes in our lives. Without a sense of stewardship there can be no real and vital Christian experience.

Stewardship is partnership in the divine enterprise of bringing the Kingdom of God into the hearts of all men. Stewardship is obeying the command of Jesus to "go into all the world and preach the gospel" Stewardship is feeding the hungry and clothing the naked; opening the eyes of the blind and setting the captive free.

The indescribable needs of the world today cry out for a renewed and deeper sense of Stewardship on our part. Only through the consecration of men and women who recognize the claims of Jesus Christ upon their time, talents and abilities, can the world be saved.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That our ministers conduct Stewardship institutes in their churches, teaching Stewardship in all of its broader aspects.
2. That each church accept its responsibility for a part in Our Christian World Mission.
3. That each church use the wealth of stewardship material prepared by the Missions Council.

WILL B. O'NEILL,
K. D. WELDON,
ODELL ARNOLD.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was presented and, after discussion by Leland Johnson, Rev. F. B. Eutsler and Dr. W. T. Scott, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

One of the best fruits of the Christian way of life is the constant sense of responsibility for the unfortunate—for the widows and orphans and the aged.

While the aged ministers may represent no more of a responsibility than the least member of the congregation—and most of these ministers would no doubt put the other members of the congregation ahead of themselves—the very fact that our pastors set an example for their congregations makes it desirable that the congregations set an example in taking care of their pastors.

So far as most of us are concerned, there is one offering per year for the aged ministers in general. The rest is left to others. The overall record is no compliment to our degree of Christianity! This should make us think.

We might add that one of the outstanding characteristics of the present economic age is the tremendous emphasis on social security. Nearly every well-established business firm has some form of voluntary retirement plan, and the government is rapidly moving in to cover those gaps which are left open.

The manner in which we have handled our ministerial retirement plan casts a serious reflection on our judgment as business men. That hurts our pride!

What has been done constructively?

There is the once-a-year Christmas collection which is usually taken at about the same time that local welfare and goodwill baskets are being collected. Both projects should obviously be continued, but special emphasis should be put on superannuation, even if it is necessary to take another Sunday following Christmas or about the first of the year.

There is one business-like retirement program. It is the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers. While this fund has a $5,000,000 plus backlog, the income of which is distributed free to participating ministers, it is inadequate to take care of the total burden without help from the churches and the ministers themselves.

In the Eastern North Carolina Conference, only seven of the 18 or 20 ministers serving our 47 churches are members.

We, therefore, recommend that the "standing committee" on superannuation be directed to act as an executive committee to find out why all ministers cannot be included.

In some cases there is insufficient understanding. This should be cleared up. In some cases there is a financial hump. This should be gotten arround. If insurmountable obstacles should be encountered, either for some of the ministers or some of the congregations, the advisabilty of including ministers on the standard State Social Security program should be investigated.

GLENDON JOHNSON,
I. H. VICKERY,
PHILLIP J. WEAVER.

By motion, the report of the North Carolina Council of Churches was received and admitted to record as follows:

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

The North Carolina Council of Churches met in the Methodist Church in Salisbury on September 28. The following officers were elected: Dr. Clyde A. Milner, president; Gurney P. Hood, vice-president; Dean J. H. Satterwhite, vice-president; Mrs. E. L. Hillman, vice-president; Mrs. Aubrey Muney, recording secretary; Mrs. A. H. White, recording secretary emeritus; Mrs. Bert Hobgood, treasurer.

Many of us, I am sure, are not familiar with the North Carolina Council of Churches. The purpose of the council is threefold:

First: To promote fellowship and mutual understanding among the followers of Christ constituting the several communions of North Carolina; Second: To serve as a medium of interchurch advice and counsel on matters affecting the program of Christianity in the state, and Third: To associate the communions in such joint services as may achieve more effectively the object of the Christian religion.

Outstanding, in my thinking, is the work being done in helping provide qualified teachers of Bible for the public schools. As you know, the Bible can be taught as an elective in our schools, provided the teacher is not paid from tax money. The council serves as a clearing house for these teachers and has record of all such teachers in the state.

Another work which is most helpful is the ministry for the migratory workers. These people, who are ever moving, naturally cannot receive spiritual strength through the regular churches. Therefore, the council has helped provide a qualified man and a jeep station wagon to go with the migratory workers.

The council takes an active part in overseas relief and in many ways tries to be the channel for all churches in ministering to the needs of our world.

Here is the big argument for the council. It provides an opportunity for other Christians and ourselves to either do work we could not do separately or at least not do effectively or efficiently alone.

The council is young and may stumble, but I believe it needs our paternal care, and that as it grows it will provide more ways for us to do our work better for our blessed Lord and Savior. On this basis, I recommend to the Finance Committee that they include in their budget $100.00 for the North Carolina Council of Churches.

FRED P. REGISTER.

Supt. John G. Truitt spoke of the work and needs of the Orphanage.

It was moved and carried that we continue the program and finish our work before lunch, closing at 1:30 p. m., or earlier if possible.

The Committee on Finance made its report as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Finance submits the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's Report and books and find them to be correct.

We recommend that the treasurer pay President Grissom $43.60 for traveling expenses and postage.

We recommend that the secretary be paid $50.00 for services and $9.40 for postage.

We recommend that the treasurer pay for printing the programs, when bill is submitted.

We recommend that the treasurer be instructed to pay the Board of Publications for printing THE ANNUALS.

We recommend that the treasurer be instructed to pay $50.00 to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

CHAS. A. BALLENTINE,
MRS. J. M. YODER,
J. FRANK APPLE.

By motion the report was adopted and the treasurer instructed to pay the bills mentioned.

The report on Apportionments was presented and discussed by A. H. McIver and then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

It is recommended that the attached apportionment table reflecting a total increase of approximately five and one-half per cent be approved by the conference and accepted and paid by the churches.

The action of the Southern Convention at its session last May is our authority for this slight increase. It will be noticed that increases ranging from $3 to $29 per church have been added for the Convention Fund and from $2 to $23 per church for the support of our church paper, *The Christian Sun.* All other items remain unchanged.

We recommend that all churches begin early and make regular payments throughout the year until the entire amount has been paid. Such action will make the task easier and more pleasant and will result in more efficient operation of all of our church institutions and benevolences.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. MCIVER,
REX G. POWELL,
B. V. MUNGER.

SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1950-51.

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions and Shaowu	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	The Christian Sun	Totals
Amelia	$ 30	$ 30	$ 22	$ 22	7	$ 7	$ 25	$ 8	$ 3.50	$ 7	$ 3	$ 164.50
Antioch	15	15	17	17	7	7	17	8	3.50	7	2	115.50
Auburn	56	56	48	48	14	14	40	8	6.50	13	6	309.50
Bethel	30	30	22	22	7	7	25	2	3.00	7	3	158.00
Bethlehem	13	13	6	6	3	3	16	6	1.50	3	2	72.50
Beulah	30	30	18	18	7	7	25	22	2.00	5	3	167.00
Catawba Springs	58	58	91	91	15	15	45	10	7.00	15	9	414.00
Chapel Hill	40	40	34	34	11	11	33	4	5.50	11	5	228.50
Christian Chapel	38	38	31	31	9	9	29	10	6.50	13	4	218.50
Christian Light	45	45	45	45	14	14	34	12	5.50	11	5	275.50
Clayton	35	35	33	33	11	11	29	10	3.50	7	4	211.50
Damascus	35	35	29	29	9	9	29	7	2.00	7	4	195.00
Ebenezer	38	38	45	45	11	11	33	10	4.00	9	5	249.00
Fuller's Chapel	38	38	33	33	9	9	33	9	4.50	9	4	219.50
Good Hope	25	25	18	18	7	7	20	8	2.50	5	3	138.50
Hayes Chapel	25	25	18	18	7	7	20	5	2.00	5	3	135.00
Henderson	63	63	94	94	20	20	48	19	8.50	15	10	454.50
Hope Mills	33	33	28	28	9	9	20	3	2.00	5	3	173.00
Lebanon	20	20	18	18	5	5	18	3	2.00	5	2	116.00
Lee's Chapel	20	20	19	19	5	5	18	5	2.50	5	3	121.50
Liberty, Vance	177	177	216	216	45	45	111	28	19.50	37	23	1,094.50
Martha's Chapel	20	20	12	12	7	7	18	6	2.00	5	2	111.00
Moore Union	30	30	12	12	9	9	23	8	3.50	7	4	147.50
Morrisville	13	13	21	21	9	9	15	4	4.50	9	3	121.50
Mt. Auburn	76	76	91	91	30	30	51	8	7.50	13	9	482.50
Mt. Carmel	30	30	21	21	7	7	23	8	3.00	5	3	158.00
Mt. Gilead	56	56	34	34	14	14	39	14	6.00	11	5	283.00
Mt. Herman	25	25	34	34	7	7	20	6	1.50	5	3	167.50
New Elam	88	88	62	62	18	18	56	22	8.50	17	9	448.50
New Hope	38	38	30	30	11	11	29	18	4.50	9	4	222.50
Niagara	13	13	10	10	4	4	12	2	6.50	13	2	89.50
Oak Level	38	38	31	31	11	11	29	8	4.50	9	4	214.50
O'Kelly's Chapel	8	8	5	5	1	1	12	2	1.00	3	2	48.00
Piney Plain	56	56	52	52	14	14	42	6	5.50	11	6	314.50
Pleasant Hill	30	30	39	39	9	9	23	7	3.50	7	4	200.50
Pleasant Union	56	56	61	61	14	14	35	12	3.00	6	6	324.00
Plymouth	30	30	39	39	9	9	23	11	3.50	7	4	204.50
Pope's Chapel	38	38	36	36	9	9	29	8	4.50	9	4	220.50
Raleigh	101	101	73	73	23	23	61	25	9.50	19	10	518.50
Sanford	63	63	82	82	14	14	44	16	6.50	13	9	406.50
Shallow Well	56	56	54	54	14	14	40	14	5.50	11	7	325.50
Six Forks	13	13	7	7	4	4	14	10	1.00	3	2	78.00
Southern Pines	63	63	63	63	14	14	34	16	7.50	13	10	360.50
Turner's Chapel	30	30	42	42	9	9	23	6	.....	7	5	203.00
Wake Chapel	114	114	220	220	20	20	70	18	14.50	25	18	853.50
Wentworth	30	30	56	56	14	14	23	8	2.50	5	5	243.50
Youngsville	20	20	15	15	9	9	19	4	3.00	5	4	123.00
Totals	$1,999	$1,999	$2,087	$2,087	$ 536	$ 536	$1,475	$464	$ 220.50	$448	$250	$12,101.50

The report on Social Action was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

We believe society can be changed only in so far as the individual comes into the right relationship to Jesus Christ. We believe this to be the foundation on which any improvement in our society must be built.

Acknowledging this fact, we recommend that the church be to its community what the conscience is to the body. We urge that it take a public stand on an evil

that threatens the moral standards of its youth or other folks. We urge that our churches fight the legal sale of alcohol and that they fight any so called amusement centers that tear down character. We believe it a sin to be a non-committer when such evils are confronted.

We urge that the church remember its Lord and strive to keep his spirit in dealing with conflicts between creeds, races and classes. We do not claim to be able to give a specific Christian answer for these questions. We do know our Lord loved rich and poor and it is his will to save both. The church should be fair to both parties in any case of misunderstanding, but it should not compromise with evil.

You folks know there is a war in Korea. You know there will be rebuilding; and, you know who will have to do it. It is rather easy for us to give to the Orphanage, often difficult to give to orphans and widows in other lands. Yet they have need, and to whom can they go.

Social action involves the whole of Christian living. That it is essential is first found in God's word. "Faith without works is dead." It is also one of our five cardinal principles, "Christian character shall be the test of Christian fellowship."

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

PATTIE LEE COGHILL,
FRED P. REGISTER.

The following report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. That we experss our appreciation to the Flower Committee for the beautiful arrangement of flowers.

2. That we express our appreciation to President Grissom and the Program Committee for the fine program arranged and carried out during this session of conference; and to Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. William M. Brown, Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. Ross W. Sanderson, and others, who have brought informational and inspirational messages to us during this session of conference.

3. We recommend the adoption of the following as the official action of the Eastern North Carolina Conference:

"Elon College has made commendable progress and advancement in recent years. Its expanding program calls for larger and continued financial support. We recommend that in addition to the regular apportionment for the college, the Convention approve, and through its conferences and churches engage in an effort to raise a minimum average of $1.00 per member annually for a sustaining fund for Elon College; this effort to be a cooperative one to be participated in by the college administration, the Elon College Foundation, the Convention, conferences and church officials. That a committee be constituted by this Convention, the duty of which shall be to work for the Convention in cooperation with the officials named above, to formulate the plans whereby this proposal shall be carried to the entire constituency of the Convention."

We also recommend that the present committee headed by Dr. Robert Lee House be continued as the official Sustaining Fund Committee for the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

4. That we express, by a rising vote our thanks and appreciation to the pastor and people of Wake Chapel Church for the delicious meals and their generous hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

T. FRED WRIGHT,
MRS. J. F. APPLE.

By motion the president and secretary were authorized to complete and correct the minutes of the day's session; and that the minutes be published in THE ANNUAL, and that 125 copies be purchased to be distributed to the churches, chairmen of committees and the ministers of the conference.

The president appointed the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee—R. T. Grissom, E. M. Carter, Fred P. Register, J. Allan Kimball, Rex Powell.

Education and Standing of the Ministry—Will B. O'Neill, E. M. Carter, T. F. Wright.

Christian Education—R. L. House, Carl Wallace, R. Eugene Tally.

Superannuation—I. H. Vickery, Rex Powell, Glendon Johnson.

Home Missions—Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Miss Stella Stout, Mrs. Cliff Spivey.

Foreign Missions—Miss Margaret Alston, Mrs. R. L. Ross, Mrs. Rex Powell.

Apportionments—A. H. McIver, T. Fred Wright, Harold Johnson.

Stewardship—W. C. Farrell, W. E. Cox, Lentis Wicker.

Evangelism—J. Frank Apple, George M. Tally, Fred P. Register.

Social Action—Fred P. Register, Jack McIver, Mrs. Robert Watson.

Religious Literature—Mrs. R. L. House, Mrs. Fred P. Register, Mrs. J. Frank Apple.

Program—R. T. Grissom, E. M. Carter, Fred P. Register, Carl Wallace.

N. C. Council of Churches—Miss Susie Allen, Dr. W. B. O'Neill.

Moved and carried that the next session of conference meet with the Sanford Church.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee study the advisability of a change of the time of the meeting of conference.

By motion conference adjourned to meet with the church in Sanford on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1951, at 10:00 a. m.

R. T. GRISSOM, *President,*
E. M. CARTER, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Apple, J. Frank—Churches: Henderson, Mt. Carmel. Sermons, 96; conversions, 4; members, 14; baptisms, 4; addresses, 6; weddings, 12; funerals, 4. Salary, $2,951.00.

Carter, Emory M.—Churches: Mt. Hermon, Good Hope, Fuller's Chapel, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville. Sermons, 98; conversions, 8; members, 24; baptisms, 16; weddings, 11; funerals, 22. Salary, $1,702.00.

Denton, James A.—Church, Ramseur. Sermons, 30; conversions, 2; members, 1; funerals, 5. Salary, $600.00.

Eutsler, Frederick B.—Church, Raleigh (United). Sermons, 48; members, 12; baptisms, 7; addresses, 15; weddings, 2. Salary, $3,600.00.

Franks, J. E.—Retired.

Farrell, W. Clay—Churches: Antioch, Auburn, Ebenezer, Hayes' Chapel, Shiloh, Wentworth. Sermons, 145; professions, 41; members, 44; baptisms, 24; prayer-meetings, 50; weddings, 10; funerals, 14. Salary, $2,341.00.

Grissom, Raymond T.—Churches: Turner's Chapel, Hank's Chapel, Shallow Well. Sermons, 127; conversions, many; members, 41; baptosms, 32; prayer meetings, 72; addresses, 9; weddings, 17; funerals, 33. Salary, $2,950.00.

House, Robert Lee—Churches: Southern Pines, Hope Mills. Sermons, 85; conversions, 20; members, 40; baptisms, 20; addresses, 8; weddings, 5; funerals, 4. Salary, 3,800.00.

Howard, Britton J.—State Parole Board. No report.

Johnson, J. Lee—Church, Bethel, part time. Sermons, 10; professions, 3; prayer meetings, severay; funerals, 3. Salary, just small gifts.

Marr, Wade S.—Business. No report.

Munger, Bernard V.—Churches Chapel Hill; supply, First Presbyterial Church, Corinth, Miss. Assistant Professor of Bible, University, Memphis, Tenn. Before leaving Chapel Hill: sermons, 43; members, 7; addresses, 12; weddings, 2. Salary, $1,860.00.

O'Neill, Will B.—Church, Sanford. Sermons, 60; members, 19; baptisms, 5; prayer meetings, 24; addresses, 7; weddings, 5; funerals, 6. Salary, $3,000.00.

Register, Fred P.—Churches: Amelia, Plymouth, Wake Chapel. Sermons, 90; members, 72; prayer meetings, 40; weddings, 6. Salary, $2,660.00.

Steininger, William R.—Business. No report.

Scholz, Herbert—Retired.

Tally, R. Eugene—Churches: Christian Chapel, Lebanon, New Elam, Piney Plain, Zion. Sermons, 110; conversions, several; members, 13; baptisms, 18; prayer meetings, many; addresses, 37; weddings, 7; funerals, 18. Salary, $1,192.00.

Tally, George M.—Churches: Antioch, Big Oak, Christian Light, Moore Union, Pleasant Hill, Park's Cross Roads. Sermons, 183; conversions, 46; members, 31; baptisms, 26; funerals, 10. Salary, $2,462.00.

Wallace, Carl—Churches: Antioch, Bethlehem, Beulah, New Hope, Oak Level. Sermons, 140; conversions, 40; members, 63; baptisms, 33; addresses, 2; weddings, 2; funerals, 1. Salary, $2,400.00.

Wright, T. Fred—Churches: Liberty (Vance), Mt. Auburn, Mt. Gilead. Sermons, 106; conversions, 30; members, 39; baptisms, 28; weddings, 8; funerals, 9. Salary, $2,700.00.

Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirtieth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference

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BETHLEHEM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NEAR SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA.
NOVEMBER 1-2, 1950.

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its one hundred thirtieth annual session at the Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church, Suffolk, Va., on November 1-2, 1950. The conference was called to order by the president, Rev. R. E. Brittle, who was also pastor of the host church, at 10:00 a. m. on Wednesday.

The opening hymn was led by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, and prayer was offered by Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., of Holland, Va.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

Ministers—W. L. Wood, H. S. Hardcastle, Roy C. Helfenstein, Melvin Dollar, V. T. Crawford, J. M. Roberts, J. Everette Neese, Herbert G. Councill, Jr., C. C. Thomas, O. D. Poythress, H. E. Crutchfield, S. W. Phillips, D. D. Nash, James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Earl T. Farrell, W. A. Grissom, A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Duane N. Vore, W. Millard Stevens, Henry M. George, John G. Truitt, I. W. Johnson, N. G. Newman, L. E. Smith, Wm. T. Scott, R. E. Brittle, M. E. Taylor, Jesse H. Dollar, J. E. McCauley, Ellis N. Clark, John Gallo.

Churches and Delegates.

Antioch—Mrs. W. C. Wilkins, Mrs. Marie Babb.

Barrett's—Mrs. P. B. Barrett, Mrs. J. Q. Hancock.

Berea (Nansemond)—Mrs. G. M. Cornell, Mrs. L. H. Wilroy.

Bethlehem (Disputanta)—Mrs. Walter Rusnak, Mrs. G. W. Rusnak.

Bethlehem (Nansemond)—Mrs. A. C. Moore, Mrs. T. H. Dilday, Edgar P. Savage, Mrs. Edward Johnson.

Burton's Grove—Linwood Logan.

Centerville—Mrs. John Padgett, Mrs. J. E. Bishop, Jr.

Cypress Chapell—Mrs. Roy Brinkley, Jack Byrd, Mrs. W. C. Knight, Mrs. J. P. Byrd.

Dendron—E. T. Atkinson.

Eure—S. T. Eure, A. J. Felton, W. N. Howell, Mrs. Lamb Howell.

Franklin—J. Letcher Eley, Mrs. T. Hayes Holland, Mrs. E. P. Jones, R. C. Councill.

Great Bridge (Berea)—Mrs. Ernest E. Waterfield, Mrs. Edgar Eason, Mrs. Staley B. Powell, Jr.

Holland—Julia K. Jolly, L. P. Waldo, Jr.

Holy Neck—Mrs. C. C. Baker, Mrs. June O. Davidson, Sr., H. L. Worrell.

Hopewell—

Isle of Wight—Mrs. E. J. Brock.

Johnson's Grove—Mrs. H. P. Beale, Mrs. B. F. Hancock.

Liberty Spring—Mrs. W. L. Turner, Mrs. Rosa Duke, N. W. Byrd, R. E. Rogers.

Mt. Carmel—Z. T. Holland, Mrs. F. H. Johnson.

Mt. Zion—George Fields, Mrs. J. L. Gray.

New Lebanon—John Savedge, Mrs. John Savedge.

Newport News—Mrs. R. F. Powell, W. H. Baker, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. R. C. Luke, Sr.

Norfolk:

Bay View—Mrs. W. M. Sydenstricker, Mrs. B. G. Harrell.

Christian Temple—Mrs. O. L. West, Mrs. A. B. Jarvis, Mrs. J. H. Watson, Mr. E. M. Albright.

First—Mrs. Alice H. Hozier, Mrs. Bert Eason.

Little Creek—Mrs. M. E. Taylor.

Rosemont—

Second—Mrs. W. W. Starnes, Mrs. Verla Goodwin.

Oak Grove—Frank Powell, Mrs. W. K. Parker.

Oakland—J. Rollie Gayle, Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Thomas V. Simpson, Mills E. Godwin, Jr.

Portsmouth:

Elm Avenue—Mrs. J. A. Brance, H. C. Gaye.

First—H. W. Lee, E. C. Cross, Mrs. J. F. Brothers.

Shelton Memorial—Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Mrs. M. B. Zoll.

Richmond—Leon L. Bond, John T. Kernodle, Mrs. G. T. Parsons.

South Norfolk—George H. Coston, James T. Hare, Mrs. Ruby Smith, Mrs. Hugh Rawles.

Spring Hill—Mrs. A. C. Drewry, Mrs. H. J. Wheeler.

Suffolk—Mrs. J. W. King, A. F. Richardson, Floyd A. Turner, Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Sr.

Sunbury, Damascus—G. E. Rountree, P. Page Riddick.

Union (Southampton)—Mrs. S. M. Joyner, Mrs. Marvin Whitley.

Union (Surry)—Mrs. R. T. Brittle.

Wakefield—W. A. Bailey, Mrs. W. A. Bailey.

Waverly—Lewis Tomlinson, Mrs. Lewis Tomlinson, Mrs. W. H. Johnson.

Windsor—S. T. Holland, Mrs. J. M. Raiby, J. W. Roberts.

The following ministers and visitors from other conferences were recognized: Dr. C. E. Newman and Rev. Mark W. Andes, from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Rev. T. Fred Wright from the Eastern North Carolina Conference; Dr. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General

Council of Congregational Christian Churches, New York City; and Dr. D. P. Barrett, retired missionary from Puerto Rico. On motion it was voted that these men be made deliberative members of the conference.

A hearty welcome was extended by Mrs. Paul Yates on behalf of the Bethlehem Church to which, a fitting response was made by Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., of the First Church, Newport News, Va.

The president appointed the following special committees:

Nominations—Dr. I. W. Johnson, Rev. J. E. McCauley, Rev. M. E. Taylor.
Resolutions—Rev. O. D. Poythress, Mrs. Herbert Harrell, Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun.
Press—Rev. Duane N. Vore, Rev. C. C. Thomas, Mr. John T. Kernodle.
Finance—Mr. Shirley T. Holland, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Mr. W. H. Baker.
Ordaining Presbytery—Dr. N. G. Newman, Dr. I. W. Johnson, Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein, Rev. W. M. Stevens, Rev. Herbert G. Councill, Jr.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the secretary as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee had only one meeting during the year and transacted the following business:

Concerning a recommendation received from the Committee on Ministerial Education, the Executive Committee met September 18, 1950, and

VOTED: To approve the recommendation of the Ministerial Education Committee for the Licensure of Mr. Baxter Twiddy as a Minister of the Gospel.

Present: Brittle, Hardcastle, Councill, Neese.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. BRITTLE,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
HERBERT G. COUNCILL, JR.
J. EVERETTE NEESE.

The Program Committee presented the printed program, and on motion it was voted that this be our procedure for this session of conference with such changes as may be found necessary.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented by Rev. W. Millard Stevens and, pending the adoption of the report, an address was given by Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, on "The Future of the Church College." Dr. Smith presented Rev. Duane N. Vore, Eastern Virginia chairman of the Sustaining Fund for Elon College, who spoke briefly about the importance and necessity of the churches taking action and supporting the Sustaining Fund.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Prgram Committee of the Conference requested the undersigned to write a report on Christian Education for this session of Conference. This means that the limit of this report will be rather obvious since I have not been concerned during the year to collect information for such a report. However, all of us must recognize that Christian Education is a vital part of the life and the work of our churches and we must constantly keep this in mind if our churches are to meet their full responsibility to the people and to the Kingdom of God.

Leadership Education should be the first concern of our Christian Education program. We are able to report that on the local church level this has been a concern in our conference within the past year. Last February, through ahe cooperation of the Board of Christian Education of the Convention, a Leadership Training school was conducted in the Suffolk area and one in the Norfolk area of our conference. Both of these schools received fair support from the churches and were very much worthwhile. Plans are now under way for a similar school in the Suffolk area for this year and

one has already been conducted in the Norfolk area during the period October 15 through 19. In all these local Leadership Training Schools one of the primary weaknesses is the fact that representatives from only a few churches in each area attended the schools and the churches which need the training most are the one who never attend. We urge our churches to take advantage of these Leadership Training schools.

The second concern in the field of Christian Education manifests itself through the work of our Sunday schools. All of us are constantly aware of the fact that our Sunday schools are not as effective as they should be. Some of our defects can be overcome if we would be more serious in our efforts to discover our weaknesses and means of overcoming these weaknesses. We should always be alert to seek new means of making our Sunday schools real organs for developing the Christian lives of our young people. We would like to urge each Sunday school to examine its program during the next year and seek to build a more effective instrument for Christian Education through its program.

A third area of concern should be in the matter of information and education with reference to the whole program of the denomination and the work of the church around the world. It is ever obvious to any thinking person that most of our difficult problems in the local church could be relieved in large measure if the people were better informed in the matter of churchmanship. There is no excuse for ignorance even in the church in this day.

A fourth concern should interest us in the matter of Christian Education is our own institution of higher learning—Elon College. It is not necessary to say that we ought to support our college with our young people, our money and our prayers because we are constantly reminded of this year after year. It is time that we should begin to take this matter more seriously. At the last session of the Convention a program was authorized to make possible a sustaining fund for Elon College over and above our regular apportionments. This program has been organized and is now under way. It provides that there should be observed in each local church once each year a Sustaining Fund Sunday, at which time the congregation would be asked to bring a special offering for the College equal to $1.00 per member of the local church. This Sunday would be observed either in October or January or February. The Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference has suggested that the churches in Eastern Virginia observe this Sunday either in January or February. We urge your support of this sustaining program for Elon College.

Finally, we call your attention to the fact that the Board of Christian Education of our Convention is always anxious to be of assistance to all our churches in the matter of Christian Education and we would welcome an opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MILLARD STEVENS.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle and, pending its adoption, an address was given by Dr. Douglas Horton, in which he reviewed the reasons why men enter the Christian ministry. Supt. W. T. Scott also spoke concerning the need for more ministers in the Southern Convention and urged the churches to prayer and counseling in the hopes that more men will enter the ministry.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In presenting this report, we the members of the Committee on Ministerial Education simply emphasize again the need for consecrated, well-trained ministers of the gospel, the necessity for presenting in public and in private the call and the challenge to the ministry, the need for enlisting promising young men in preparation for the ministry, and the encouragement in every way of those who are preparing themselves for the ministry. We would emphasize again that our Lord emphasized the fact that prayer was a vital means of securing workers for the Kingdom. We should be instant in season and out of season that the Lord of the harvest might send forth laborers who gladly and effectively do His will.

The Committee has met several times during the year, and herewith submits a report of its ad interim activities:

1. We granted a letter of Ministerial standing in behalf of Rev. Peter Young to the Suffolk West Association in Massachusetts.

2. We received into our Conference, by letter, Dr. R. C. Helfenstein, who came to us from the Iowa Congregational Christian Conference.

3. We recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference, that Rev. Henry M. George be received as a member of the Conference with the status of Conference Ordination, if and when he became a pastor of a church in this Conference.

4. We recommend to the Executive Committee that Baxter Twiddy, a member of the Biblical Class at Elon College for four years, be licensed as a minister of the gospel. And upon recommendation of the Executive Committee after approving of our recommendation, we arranged for a service of Licensure for Mr. Twiddy on September 18, 1950, at Suffolk, Virginia.

We respectfully submit these actions of your Committee for approval by this Conference in session.

We further recommend:

1. That Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Rev Cecil Thomas, Rev. Melvin Dollar, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, Rev. W. A. Grissom, Rev. V. T. Crawford, be received as Ministerial Members of the Conference on the basis of Certificates of transfer from their respective Conferences duly presented to our Conference Secretary.

2. That Mr. Henry M. George be granted Conference Ordination and that the President make provisions for that service of Conference Ordination at this session of the Conference.

3. That the Conference Ordination of Revs. D. D. Nash, John Gallo and M. E. Taylor be renewed for another year.

4. That letters of transfer be given John L. Gwinn and B. H. Watkins to unite with their respective Methodist Conferences.

5. That Paul Varga and John G. Truitt, Jr., be continued as members of the Biblical Class at Elon College, and that they be granted the designated share of the Educational Fund for Ministerial Students from Eastern Virginia at Elon, this amount to be credited by Elon College on their College expenses.

6. That Vivian Harrell and H. Allan Gleason, Jr., be continued as Licentiates of this Conference.

7. That the licensure of M. A. Carson be revoked, in view of the fact that he has been enrolled as a minister in another denomination.

8. That Baxter Twiddy be granted One Hundred Dollars in cash to be applied on his expenses at Chicago Theological Seminary.

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We also submit a Financial Statement of the Funds committed to our trust, as reported by the courteous and efficient treasurer of the Conference, Mr. G. C. White.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

Receipts.

November 2, 1949—Balance, Conference report	$4,137.82
November 17, 1949—A. Lanson Granger, Jr., on Note	25.00
December 6, 1949—Transfer Acct. Little Creek Loan from C. H. M. Fund	300.00
January 27, 1950—Convention Office, Credit Elm Avenue on Principal and Interest	128.50
March 31, 1950—Elm Avenue, Payment in full of Principal & Interest	81.08
April 18, 1950—Francis H. Wise, on Note	15.00
May 1, 1950—Hopewell on Principal & Interest on Note	260.00
June 10, 1950—Francis H. Wise, on Note	5.00
August 23, 1950—Francis H. Wise, on Note	5.00
September 7, 1950—Francis H. Wise, on Note	5.00
September 30, 1950—Hopewell in full on Principal	236.99
October 7, 1950—Hopewell in full for interest on above Note	3.95
October 7, 1950—Total	$5,203.34

Disbursements.

During Conference year to October 17, 1950	$ .00
October 17, 1950—Balance Cash on Hand	5,203.34

Schedule of Notes and Bills Receivable.

1.	Four Notes	$ 500.00
2.	Three Notes	380.00
3.	Six Notes	900.00
4.	Two Notes	205.00
5.	Four Notes	725.00
6.	One Note	60.00
7.	One Note—Balance due on Little Creek Loan	744.48
8.	One Note—Mission Board on Hopewell, dated April 12, 1949	700.00
	Interest on above note to October 12, 1950	21.00
	Total Notes and Bills Receivable	$4,235.48
	Cash on Hand	5,203.34
	Grand Total	$9,438.82

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HARDCASTLE,
N. G. NEWMAN,
W. S. CARNE,
W. M. STEVENS,
J. E. MCCAULEY.

Dr. W. T. Scott and Rev. Duane N. Vore spoke relative to the needs of *The Christian Sun* and particularly of the new *Christian Sun* item in the apportionment.

The president called to the chair Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, who presided while Rev. R. E. Brittle gave the President's Address, using as his theme, "Launch Out into the Deep."

Rev. R. E. Brittle made announcement concerning entertainment overnight and the arrangements as to luncheon.

The conference adjourned its morning session at 12:30 with the benediction by Rev. Melvin Dollar.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was called to order at 2 p. m. The hymns, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "Living for Jesus," were led by Rev. O. D. Poythress, and the prayer for guidance was given by Rev. John Gallo.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was given by the chairman, Mr. Shirley T. Holland, and, pending its adoption, Mr. Holland urged the churches to accept it as a goal to be achieved. He emphasized the needs of our Southern Convention enterprises and asked that all our churches support them to the best of their ability.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Apportionment Committee, submit the accompanying table of apportionments for the year 1950-51. The amounts set forth in this schedule being requested by the Southern Convention.

The Convention Fund has been increased $1,050.00 and *The Christian Sun* has been set up under a new heading for $700.00. Your Committee regrets that the churches were not notified of this increase prior to the making up of their budgets for the present Conference year. The Committee was not notified of this increase until the middle of October, and then it was too late to notify the churches of this increase.

The Southern Convention by resolution adopted this year recommends that in

addition to the regular apportionment for the College the Conferences and Churches engage in an effort to raise a minimum average of $1.00 per member annually for a sustaining fund for Elon College. We are convinced that you cannot make a better investment than that of investing in young people for Christian Training so that they will be equipped to take their place in our Communities and our Nation. The age in which we are living needs Christian leadership in our Churches, in business and in Government. Elon College provides this training. We urge you to show your faith in Elon College by contributing at least one dollar per member for the Sustaining Fund of your College.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HOLLAND,
J. P. DALTON,
FLOYD A. TURNER,
ELLIS N. CLARKE.

SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1950-1951

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions and Shaowu	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	The Christian Sun	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Home Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Totals
Antioch	$ 60	$ 57	$ 12	$ 85	$ 22	$ 13	$ 10	$ 46	$ 10	$ 5	$ 5	$ 10	$ 5	$ 340
Barrett's	15	14	6	20	11	7	5	7	5	5	5	5	2	107
Berea, Nansemond	100	99	93	60	44	33	10	62	10	15	15	25	4	570
Bethlehem, Disputanta	30	28	12	10	11	7	10	15	10	5	5	5	4	152
Bethlehem, Nansemond	145	142	139	125	66	80	35	77	35	15	15	50	15	939
Burton's Grove	15	14	10	10	11	7	2	15	2	5	5	5	1	102
Centerville	15	14	6	15	10	5	4	7	4	5	5	5	2	97
Cypress Chapel	145	156	151	115	44	47	22	68	22	15	15	50	11	861
Dendron	20	20	60	15	10	7	2	7	2	3	3	2	1	152
Eure	50	50	50	50	10	10	15	42	15	10	10	10	10	332
Franklin	285	311	141	245	45	80	22	154	22	15	15	75	12	1,422
Great Bridge (Berea)	130	156	60	40	55	33	15	77	15	15	15	35	5	651
Holland	300	250	275	250	58	70	28	184	28	10	10	75	12	1,550
Holy Neck	110	100	140	140	45	45	20	112	20	10	10	25	9	786
Hopewell	30	24	6	10	11	7	8	7	10	5	5	4	6	133
Isle of Wight	35	42	30	75	11	7	5	30	5	10	10	10	2	272
Johnson's Grove	20	20	10	10	11	7	5	7	5	5	5	3	2	110
Liberty Spring	115	113	121	145	35	40	22	79	22	15	15	40	12	774
Mt. Carmel	145	142	82	105	44	27	15	77	15	15	15	35	7	724
Mt. Zion	15	14	6	15	11	7	4	7	4	5	5	5	2	100
New Lebanon	45	42	12	30	11	13	5	22	5	10	10	10	2	217
Newport News	435	600	250	400	120	150	30	240	30	25	25	100	15	2,420
Norfolk: Bay View	45	42	24	40	11	7	5	30	5	10	10	5	4	238
Christian Temple	940	940	300	850	132	157	80	550	80	35	35	100	31	4,230
First	100	100	140	140	40	40	20	99	20	10	10	35	9	763
Little Creek	20	20	30	5	5	3	5	7	5	2	2	2	1	107
Rosemont	500	600	800	480	90	81	30	245	30	25	25	80	14	3,000
Second	115	113	114	155	22	40	14	84	14	10	10	30	3	724
Oak Grove	60	57	24	60	11	7	7	37	7	5	5	10	3	293
Oakland	130	128	91	125	33	27	25	72	25	15	10	35	10	726
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.	145	136	36	50	22	27	12	46	12	5	5	30	3	529
First	200	199	150	185	44	47	10	107	10	10	10	35	6	1,013
Shelton Memorial	45	43	24	15	22	13	5	31	5	10	10	5	3	231
Richmond	145	142	121	185	22	27	10	77	10	15	15	35	5	809
South Norfolk	240	241	161	230	44	33	40	130	42	15	15	60	20	1,271
Spring Hill	45	45	24	30	11	7	5	30	5	5	5	10	2	224
Suffolk	960	960	781	960	166	201	90	583	100	40	40	300	43	5,224
Sunbury, Damascus	75	57	63	75	11	13	12	46	12	10	10	15	5	404
Union, Southampton	85	85	72	75	11	13	10	37	10	20	20	15	5	458
Union, Surry	25	20	12	20	11	7	3	7	3	5	5	5	2	125
Wakefield	65	62	24	60	22	7	9	30	9	5	5	10	4	312
Waverly	170	170	72	185	22	13	15	123	15	10	15	25	5	840
Windsor	130	128	121	110	22	13	9	61	9	15	15	30	4	667
Totals	$6,500	$6,696	$4,856	$6,005	$1,470	$1,485	$710	$3,774	$724	$500	$500	$1,456	$323	$ 34,999

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. G. C. White and, on motion, was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

		Conf. Fund	*Conf. H. M.*	*Min. Ed. Fund*	*Min. Sch. Fund*	*V. C. C.*	*Cr. Bank Account*
1949							
10/31	Bal. Brought Fwd	$1,159.15	$2,732.02	$4,137.82	$1,420.00	$ 244.00	$ 9,692.99
11/9	Trs. 1948-1949 Cf.					27.00	
11/2	Conf. Collection ..	50.00	314.00		55.00	49.00	468.00
1950							
10/31	Antioch				5.00		5.00
10/25	Barrett's	5.00	5.00			2.00	12.00
10/3	Berea (Nans.)				15.00		15.00
4/5	Bethlehem (Disp.).	5.00	5.00		5.00	4.00	19.00
10/10	Bethlehem (Nans.)	15.00	50.00			15.00	80.00
5/8	Burton's Grove ...	5.00	5.00		5.00	1.00	16.00
10/14	Centerville	5.00	5.00		5.00	2.00	17.00
	Cypress Chapel						
10/21	Dendron	3.00	2.00		3.00	1.00	9.00
	" Other	3.00					3.00
	Eure						
9/21	Franklin	15.00	75.00		15.00	12.00	117.00
	" Other	15.00					15.00
	Great Bridge, Berea						
10/5	Holland	10.00	75.00		10.00	12.00	107.00
10/3	Holy Neck				10.00		10.00
	Hopewell						
10/14	Isle of Wight	10.00	10.00			2.00	22.00
9/7	Johnson's Grove ..	5.00	3.00		10.00	2.00	20.00
	" Other	5.00					5.00
10/21	Liberty Spring ...	15.00	40.00			12.00	67.00
10/21	Mt. Carmel	15.00	35.00			7.00	57.00
	" Other	15.00					15.00
8/9	Mt. Zion				5.00		5.00
	New Lebanon						
9/1	Newport News	25.00	100.00			15.00	140.00
1/11	Norfolk: Bay View B. 1949 Appt. ..	2.35	1.23		2.35	.95	6.88
	Christian Temple						
	First						
8/9	Little Creek	2.00	2.00		2.00	1.00	7.00
10/10	Rosemont	25.00	80.00			14.00	119.00
	" Other	25.00					25.00
	Second						
	Oak Grove						
10/21	Oakland	15.00	35.00			10.00	60.00
	Portsmouth:						
8/9	Elm Avenue				5.00		5.00
9/29	First	10.00	35.00		10.00	6.00	61.00
4/5	Shelton Memorial	10.00	5.00		25.00	3.00	43.00
10/19	Richmond	15.00	35.00			5.00	55.00
	" Other	15.00					15.00
9/29	South Norfolk	15.00	60.00			20.00	95.00
	" Other	15.00					15.00
9/15	Spring Hill	5.00	10.00			2.00	17.00
	Suffolk						
8/2	Sunbury, Damascus	10.00	15.00		10.00	5.00	40.00
	" Other	10.00					10.00
9/2	Union (South.) ...	20.00	15.00		7.00	5.00	47.00

		Conf. Fund	Conf. H. M.	Min. Ed. Fund	Min. Sch. Fund	V. C. C.	Cr. Bank Account
	Union (Surry) ...						
10/21	Wakefield	5.00	10.00			4.00	19.00
	" Other	5.00					5.00
10/3	Waverly	10.00	25.00			5.00	40.00
9/15	Wndsor	15.00	30.00			4.00	49.00
1949							
12/6	Tranfer a/c L. C. .			300.00			
12/17	A. L. Granger, Jr. .			25.00			25.00
1950							
1/27	Elm Ave. D. of T.			128.50			128.50
3/11	" Final Deed ..			81.08			81.08
4/18	F. H. Wise			15.00			15.00
5/1 to 10/7	Hopewell—Final Note			500.94			500.94
6/10	F. H. Wise			5.00			5.00
8/23	F. H. Wise			5.00			5.00
9/7	F. H. Wise			5.00			5.00
10/3	Conv. O. Min. Sch.						83.00
10/26	Total Receipts	$1,619.50	$3,834.25	$5,203.34	$1,626.85	$ 501.95	$12,458.89
10/26	Total Disbursements	877.39	2,800.00	.00	15.00	325.00	3,690.39
10/26	Balance	$ 742.11	$1,034.25	$5,203.34	$1,611.85	$ 176.95	$ 8,768.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

1949							
11/ 4	W. B. O'Neill, Sal'y.	$ 50.00					$ 50.00
	" Supplies	32.37					32.37
	G. C. White, Exp...	10.00					10.00
7	W. T. Scott, Conv. .	333.15					333.15
9	J. F. McClelland, Ex.	50.00					50.00
9	Va. C. of Churches .					$ 250.00	250.00
	Rel. Works Fd.					75.00	75.00
	Tr. to Va. C. of C. .	27.00					
10	Suf. Ins. Cp., Tr. Bd.	5.00					5.00
14	Bank Srv. Charge ..	.47					.47
15	W. L. Wood, Salary .		$ 41.66				41.66
25	G. D. Colclough, Tr.	7.70					7.70
12/ 6	Trs. Cr., Little Crk.		300.00				
15	W. T. S., Shelton M. (to correct error) .				$ 5.00		5.00
27	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.66				41.66
1950							
1/23	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.66				41.66
2/15	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.66				41.66
3/ 8	W. T. S. for Shl. M.				$ 10.00		10.00
15	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.67				41.67
20	Union, So., par. Dbt.		1,000.00				1,000.00
4/15	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.67				41.67
5/15	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.67				41.67
17	G. D. C., Tr., An'ls. .	220.87					220.87
6/12	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.67				41.67
27	Windsor, Bldg. Fund		1,000.00				1,000.00
7/12	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.67				41.67
8/ 2	W. T. S., M. S. Fd. Damascus	10.00					10.00
9	W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.67				41.67
9/ 7	W. T. S., M. S. Fd. Johnson's Grove .	5.00					5.00
8	Bank Sv. Chg.	.10					.10

	Conf. Fund	Conf. H. M.	Min. Ed. Fund	Min. Sch. Fund	V. C. C.	Cr. Bank Account
15 W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.67				41.67
21 W. T. S., Franklin .	15.00					15.00
29 W. T. S., So Norfolk	15.00					15.00
10/ 3 Sec'y, Supplies	19.13					19.13
Sec'y, Supplies	13.60					13.60
10 W. T. S., Rosemont .	25.00					25.00
10 W. L. Wood, Salary .		41.67				41.67
19 W. T. S., Richmond	15.00					15.00
21 W. T. S., M. S. Fd.	23.00					23.00
Total Disbursements .	$ 877.39	$2,800.00		$ 15.00	$ 325.00	$ 3,690.39

RECAPITULATION.

	Oct. 31, 1949 Balance	1949-50 Receipts	1949-50 Disbursements	Oct. 26, 1950 Balance
Conference Fund	$1,159.15	$ 460.35	$ 877.39	$ 742.11
Conf. Home Missions	2,732.02	1,102.23	2,800.00	1,034.25
Ministerial Educational Fd.	4,137.82	1,065.52	.....	5,203.34
Ministerial Scholarship Fd.	1,420.00	206.85	15.00	1,611.85
Virginia Council, Churches	244.00	257.95	325.00	176.95
Total	$9,692.99	$3,092.90	$4,017.39	$8,768.50

Balance, October 31, 1949	$ 9,692.99
Total Receipts, 1949-50	3,092.90
Total Balance	$ 12,785.89
Disbursements for the year	4,017.39
Balance, October 26, 1950	$ 8,768.50

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

On motion, it was adopted that the secretary, treasurer and Supt. W. T. Scott, prepare an adquate Financial Report Blank for making reports to conference.

Dr. C. E. Newman was presented to the conference and spoke about the need for funds in carrying forward the work of the "Rev. James O'Kelly Cemetery Foundation."

The report of the Historian was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Some Ministers I Have Known.
1872 – 1922.

MILLS BURWELL BARRETT.

Mills Burwell Barrett was the son of Rev. Mills Barrett and the grandson of Rev. Burwell Barrett, a pioneer with Rev. James O'Kelly in the Christian movement. He was reared in Southampton County and was a member of the old Barrett's Church. He was ordained at Antioch Church, Isle of Wight County, in 1850, the ordination sermon being preached by Rev. Isaac N. Walter of Ohio. He labored for two or three years in the Georgia and Alabama Conference. Then served Jerusalem and Providence in Norfolk, County, Virginia. Later he served Spring Hill, Barrett's and other churches in Southampton County. He was President of this Conference for many years and presided with grace and dignity. He had a fine physique and stately manner; was a gifted orator and at times preached with great power. In his early ministry he was a popular evangelist and conducted many great revivals. He died in 1891 at the age of 63.

JESSE T. WHITLEY.

Rev. Jesse T. Whitley was from Antioch, Isle of Wight County. He had a fine intellect, was studious, and became the most scholarly minister in the Conference. He was reserved and dignified in manner, and clear and concise in speaking and writing. He was pastor of Antioch, Spring Hill, Suffolk and other churches, and at one time edited *The Christian Sun*. He united with the Virginia Methodist Episcopal Conference in 1878, was appointed to important churches and became a Presiding Elder. He kept in sympathetic touch with the people of his first love and preached his last sermon, as he did his first, in the Suffolk Christian Church. He spent his last years in Norfolk and edited a religious column in the *Virginian-Pilot*.

ROBERT HOWELL HOLLAND.

Mr. Robert Howell Holland was born in upper Nansemond County 131 years ago. He was first a member of Holy Neck Church, but later was identified with Hebron and Holland. He was a studious youth and acquired a good education. He wrote contracts, wills, deeds, and speeches for his neighbors. He was ordained in 1852. He did much itinerant preaching and was later pastor of Holy Neck, Union (Southampton), Damascus, Hebron (which he organized) and Holland. He retired from the pastorate in 1873, but continued somewhat active for 25 years filling appointments for others, conducting funerals, performing marriage ceremonies, visiting the sick, writing for papers, and working in his home church. He wrote a biography of Dr. W. B. Wellons—a 448-page volume, published in 1881.

He organized Corinth Chapel and Laurel Hill Colored Christian Churches; and helped in the organization of Zion Colored Christian Church. He gave the land for the Laurel Hill Church and his interest in the organization helped its growth. He helped to organize the Eastern Virginia Colored Christian Conference and assisted in the ordination of Justin Copeland, the first colored Elder in this area.

Through his influence and financial help, Hebron, at Carrsville, when about to suspend, was moved to the new village of Holland. The Holland Christian Church, one of our largest and finest semi-rural churches, is a monument to his wisdom and labor. He was active in this church until enfeebled by age; attending all its services and enjoying the fruits of his labor. He died in 1908, leaving more tangible and permanent results of his ministry than any of the more gifted preachers of his day.

EDWIN WILLIAMS BEALE.

The Reverend Edwin Williams Beale was from Southampton County and was a member of Union Church. He was educated at Graham Institute, Graham, N. C., under the kindly labors of Rev. John R. Holt and Rev. Albert G. Anderson, two great teachers of that day. He was a fine student and made rapid progress. He taught and clerked until licensed at the Bethlehem Church in 1856. He was ordained at Antioch in 1857. He was appointed an itinerant to the "Lower District," which included Liberty, Jerusalem, Providence and Pleasant Ridge. He transferred to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference in 1861 and was a prominent pastr and official until 1872; serving New Providence, Union Ridge, Shallow Well and Mt. Zion Churches.

He returned to the Eastern Virginia Conference in 1872 and served Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Berea (Nansemond), Oakland, Antioch, Bethlehem and Windsor. He served the best churches and received the largest salary—$850.00—at a time when the average salary was $300.00 to $400.00. He was Superintendent of the Suffolk Collegate Institute for two years and did hard and fruitful work for that institution. He was an untiring worker; loyal to every enterprise; and a loving and faithful pastor. He had the most saintly appearance I have ever observed and his very presence emanated a spiritual influence. He encouraged young men preparing for the ministry, gave them material help and inspired them with his spirit. He was the one who led the late John U. Newman into the Oakland Christian Church, encouraged him to enter the ministry, took him into his own home, and gave him wise counsel and fatherly care. Mr. Beale died in 1881 at the age of 63 years.

JOHN T. KITCHEN.

John T. Kitchen was another of our prominent ministers from the Union Church in Southampton County. He was educated at the Suffolk Collegiate Institute and

ordained in 1875. In a ministry of thirty years he served Cypress Chapel, Hebron, Union (Southampton), Isle of Wight, C. H. (which he organized), Liberty Spring, Mt. Carmel, Windsor, Eure, Oakland, and other churches. His appearance was striking. He was large, tall, erect, dignified in his bearing, and chaste and elegant in his language. He was aesthetic, reveled in the beauties of nature, and sought the beautiful in language and literature. His exemplary life and kindly spirit commanded respect and made him an influence for good. He died in Windsor, Virginia, in 1921.

JOHN PRESSLEY BARRETT.

Mr. John Pressley Barrett was from Antioch in Isle of Wight County and was educated at the Suffolk Collegiate Institute and Richmond College. He was licensed in 1873 and ordained in 1875. His chief pastorates were Antioch, Providence, Berea (Norfolk), Raleigh (N. C.), Memorial Christian Temple, Covington (Ohio) and Reidsville (N. C.). He owned and edited *The Christian Sun* for 13 years and edited the *Herald of Gospel Liberty* for 12 years. He loved editorial work, was a prolific writer, ready debater, and champion of the traditional view of the Bible.

He was better educated than most of our ministers of that time. He was a man of the strictest moral integrity, possessed great loyalty and zeal and soon became the leading minister of the Conference. In pulpit and press he vigorously advocated and promoted every enterprise of the Church. His pulpit utterances were forceful and effective. He died at Winston-Salem, N. C., in 1924, at the age of 72 years.

JOHN URQUHART NEWMAN.

John Urquhart Newman was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, in 1860, and died at Elon College, N. C., in 1942 at the age of 82. He was a delicate lad and could not stand hard work on the farm and continued frail throughout his life. He was from the Oakland Church and was educated at the Suffolk Collegiate Institute, University of North Carolina, and Yale. He was licensed in 1878 and ordained in 1883. He was associated with Professor P. J. Kernodle at the Suffolk Collegiate Institute in 1883 and 1884. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1885, taught one year at Antioch College in Ohio, four years at Graham College, Graham, N. C., and then went to Elon College in 1890 and taught there the remainder of his life. He served as Dean for Elon College for several terms and taught Greek and Bible for about fifty years. He also served churches in Virginia and North Carolina.

While at the Suffolk Collegiate Institute he served Berkley and Spring Hill; and while teaching at Graham and Elon College he served New Providence, Pleasant Hill, Liberty, Burlington, Elon College, and Union at Virgilina, Virginia.

His life was characterized by gentleness of spirit, forgetfulness of self and sacrificial help to others. He is remembered as an educator rather than a preacher.

HARRISON HOLLAND BUTLER.

The Suffolk Collegiate Institute also provided the educational advantage received by Harrison Holland Butler from the Mt. Carmel Church in Isle of Wight County. He was licensed to preach in 1876 and ordained as an Elder in 1879. Among his early pastorates were Berkley, Providence and Berea in Norfolk County. He grew rapidly in favor and usefulness and was at one time the most popular minister in the Conference. He moved from Berkley to Suffolk in the eighties and served Bethlehem, Cypress Chapel, Antioch and Oakland.

His education was somewhat limited and he was never a student. However, he was richly endowed by nature with a pleasing personality, affectionate disposition, a strong mellow voice and the gift of oratory. Under emotional stress he sometimes preached with great power. At the height of his ministry he was in great demand as a pastor and evangelist. He died in Suffolk, Virginia, in 1924.

MURDOCK WELLONS BUTLER.

Southampton County was the contributor of another minister to the Christian Church in the person of Murdock Wellons Butler from Johnson's Grove Church. He was educated at the Suffolk Collegiate Institute and ordained as an Elder in 1881. Among his earlier pastorates were Bethlehem, Waverly, Spring Hill and other churches of that area. Later, he served at Berkley, Raleigh, N. C., Henderson, N. C., Newport News, Conshohocken, Pa., and Muncie, Ind. He was serving the Wakefield charge at the time of his death in 1947, at the age of 87 years. He had a good personality,

friendly disposition, and devout Christian spirit. He was refined in manner and chaste in speech. He was a good preacher, hard working pastor, loyal and faithful to his church and denomination.

WILLIAM THOMAS WALKER.

William Thomas Walker was from Caswell County, N. C., and spent only six years in this Conference. He was a great grandson of Rev. James O'Kelly and had some of his heroic spirit. He was the most colorful minister of this group and had elements of greatness that never came to full fruition. At the age of 17 he was a soldier in the Confederate army and was wounded at "Seven Pines" and lost an arm.

He was educated after the war at Graham Institute. He had a fine intellect, was a real student and became one of the strongest men in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. He was licensed in 1867 and ordained in 1868. He first served Hines Chapel, Salem Chapel, and Mt. Bethel; and later, the churches of the Virginia Valley Conference until 1878. He then came to this Conference and served the Suffolk Church for four years and Berea (Nansemond) for six years. He also edited *The Christian Sun* for a part of this time. After returning to North Carolina he served New Providence, Shallow Well, and Burlington in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; edited the *North Carolina Prohibitionist,* and was a candidate for governor on the prohibition ticket in 1888. "It was generally conceded that he made one of the strongest and most brilliant canvassers the state had known in many years." He was a man of strong personality, positive convicitions, tough in debate and severe when antagonized. On the floor of this Conference at Liberty Spring in 1881, he faced an opponent represented by a prominent lawyer and defended himself in such forceful speech that an intelligent hearer said, he "would have done credit to any lawyer in the state." His last years were spent in declining health on his farm in Guilford County, N. C., where he died at the age of 51 in 1895.

MALCOLM L. HURLEY.

Malcolm L. Hurley was a native of Montgomery County, N. C., and was educated at Graham Institute. He served a number of churches in the North Carolina Conference and came to this Conference in 1882 and served Holy Neck, Liberty Spring, Berea (Nansemond) and organized and served Franklin. His health failed and he gave up the pastorate for some years, but was serving churches in the Western North Carolina Conference at the time of his death in 1907. He was a man of rare gifts. He had a "wonderful memory; fluent speech, manner and voice of an orator and a rare insight into human nature." He knew how to handle men and was a "money raiser," church builder and in his prime, an impelling speaker.

CHARLES J. JONES.

Dr. Charles J. Jones came to this Conference from Ohio in 1890 to foster a Mission in the City of Norfolk. Beginning with a mere "handful" he soon had a good congregation and a growing membership under the name of the Memorial Christian Temple. The church edifice, completed and dedicated in 1894, was the second largest and best in the Southern Convention. Previous to coming to Norfolk he conducted a revival in Suffolk for Dr. Staley, which has been considered the best ever held in that church. He always had the evangelistic urge and his sermons had the evangelistic appeal. In his early ministry he did hard service on our Western frontier working with such famous men as Peter Cartwright. Later, he served prominent churches in Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. He edited the *Herald of Gospel Liberty* for eight years and at one time was a general evangelist.

Dr. Jones was of English extraction. His parents were simple, pious English folk, who, before they ever entered the bridal chamber in the simplicity of their souls, knelt and prayed and promised God that, if He ever gave them a son, he would be dedicated to Him for the Gospel ministry. Dr. Jones was the first born. He said that from earliest childhood he could never remember the day when he did not feel that he belonged to God and that he was born to be a minister. He had the most ministerial bearing I have ever seen. He looked every inch like a minister. When I first knew him he was just past middle life with greying hair and beard. He was tall, erect, standing over six feet and weighing over 200 pounds, with an impelling personality that made him outstanding in any group. His personality seemed a combination of nobility,

humility and spiritual effulgence. He was well educated and kept abreast with current thought. He was a student and excellent sermonizer. His pulpit utterances were, to me, the most inspiring and soul lifting I have ever heard. As a conversationalist, I have never seen his equal.

"He was a man. Take him for all and all, I shall not look upon his like again."

N. G. NEWMAN, *Historian.*

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE EVANGELISM.

In 1925—twenty-five years ago, this conference had a membership of 10,606 and a Sunday school enrollment of 7,446; benevolences for 1924 were $96,604. In 1949 the conference membership was 11,311, a gain of 805; the Sunday school enrollment was 7,254—a loss of 192; the total benevolences was $53,987—$42,617 less than in 1924. (These financial figures for 1924 were compiled by the late Col. J. E. West.) Whatever these figures suggest to different minds it is evident that, as a conference, little progress has been made in numerical growth within the Sunday schools and churches. Many explanations may be offered, some good, some bad and indifferent. After all has been said, the fact is, we are growing too slowly.

The change in this alarming situation can be wrought through Evangelism. Webster defines evangelism: "To instruct in the gospel; to preach the gospel to; and to convert to Christianity." This definition applies to all forms of evangelism and covers a wider field than is usually included. This work cannot be done exclusively by committees and boards. There must be a spiritual dynamic and passion empowering the ministers and laymen with the "power of God unto salvation."

We recommend:

1. That we recognize the Sunday school as the most practical agency in the primary enlistment of the unchurched and unsaved in our midst. Most of the members received by confession come into the church by the Sunday school. It is comparatively easy to secure new members of Sunday school classes. A crusade for enlistment in the Sunday school is a good beginning in the first steps of evangelism. The next step, in due time, should be enlistment in the membership of the church.

2. That our Missionary organizations seek to increase their efforts to win new members to the church, with special emphasis upon evangelism in the Young People's Societies and the Vacation Bible Schools.

3. That our Sunday schools and churches emphasize attendance upon the worship services of the churches—in which there shall be a renewed emphasis upon evangelism, in proper balance with other departments of our church calendar.

4. That we designate a Week of Prayer during the year, in which there shall be an emphasis upon personal prayer, in private and in public, for a revival of religion and a renewed spirit of evangelism.

5. That our conference set as a goal a net increase of 1,000 in our membership during the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and, pending its adoption, an address was given by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention, using as her theme, "Becoming Missionary Conscious."

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Since Jesus Christ uttered the Great Commission the Church has continued to preach foreign missions—"Christ for all and in all." Although the church has not done all it could nor should have done, it has been the spirit of Missions that has kept the church alive. Without missions there would be no church.

Our New Testament was written by missionaries. One of the earliest acts of the church was the sending out of missionaries to preach the Gospel. Our missionaries

in China are withdrawing from the field because their work is being made ineffective by the Chinese Communists. For a long time the door to China was open, however, we did not enter with as much fervor and backing from Christians at home to sufficiently indoctrinate enough of the Chinese to keep Communism from dominating them.

Wherever opportunities present themselves to us today we ought to accept them with a firm faith that the Gospel offers more in terms of freedom, justice, and security than any other faith. This we must believe and support. Never was the Gospel more relevant to the needs of mankind than today. Faced with tyranny, hate, and fear, the Christian must speak his message of love, freedom and justice. Are we willing to make the sacrifices necessary to save the world through the preaching of the Gospel? If we fail to allow the spirit of Jesus to flow through our churches to meet the needs for freedom, justice and happiness for all people everywhere then we, as well as those we neglect, will suffer the consequences. We must more adequately present and support Our Christian World Mission.

On the mission fields we have only 384 missionaries with 100,000,000 people under our care for their Christian welfare. We are told that 50 more missionaries are urgently needed in 1951. Our contributions to foreign missions will help make this need possible.

Never have so many needed our Christian love. Never has the need for foreign missions been so challenging and imperative as is true today.

Therefore, be it resolved:

That each church in the conference emphasibe the importance of Foreign Missions and support this enterprise of our Church by daily prayer and liberal contributions so that we may do our part in winning the world to Jesus Christ.

EARL T. FARRELL, *Chairman,*
MR. J. F. MORGAN,
D. D. NASH,
JOHN GALLO,
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read and, pending its adoption, an address was given by Dr. W. T. Scott in which he cited the need of our stronger churches assisting the weaker ones. Attention was called to the action of The Christian Temple of Norfolk and their home mission outlook in their appropriation of $1,250.00 each to Bay View and Second Church, Norfolk, to be used in their building programs.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

Your Committee met in regular session at Suffolk, Virginia, October 18, 1950, with Mills E. Godwin, Jr., S. T. Holland, M. E. Taylor and N. G. Newman present, and transacted the following business:

We recommend:

1. That $400.00 be granted the Wakefield pastorate to be applied on pastor's salary.
2. That $700.00 be granted the Windsor Church on their Building Fund.
3. That $300.00 be paid the Ministerial Educational Fund on the Little Creek Church loan.
4. That the Trustees of the Conference be authorized to sell the Dendron Church Parsonage property in accordance with the desires of the three churches holding rights in said property.
5. A resolution of the Christian Missionary Association in reference to starting a new work in the Providence area, Norfolk, County, has been referred to the Committee. We appreciate the interest of the Christian Missionary Association and the kind offer of cooperation, but we can make no recommendation because there are no funds available for any new project.

We highly appreciate the interest of the good people of the Wakefield Pastorate and their earnest efforts to carry on the work but our lack of funds make it impracticable for us to recommend their full request, and it is our hope and desire that

the churches may be able to make up this difference of $100.00, so there may be no cut in the pastor's salary.

We highly commend the people of the Windsor Church for their earnest and devoted efforts in the building of their magnificent and much needed church plant. In consideration of the strenuous work they have done, their successful progress, and the heavy obligations assumed over a period of years, we deeply regret that, for lack of funds, we could not recommend the full amount requested.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. NEWMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was adopted that the secretary convey by letter to Rev. Johnson L. Griffin the sympathy of conference in the loss of his mother; and that the greetings of conference be sent to Rev. J. Frank Morgan and Rev. George R. Olejar, who are absent due to illness.

Conference adjourned after benediction by Rev. W. A. Grissom.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 7:30 p. m. by President R. E. Brittle, who, with the assistance of the Bethlehem choir, presented an inspiring worship service.

Memorial services in tribute to Rev. J. W. Warren, Dr. Luther B. Grice and Mr. W. E. MacClenny, were conducted by Dr I. W. Johnson.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

According to information which has been brought to the attention of your committee, the Conference has lost three former workers since the last session of this body. In token of our appreciation of their lives and service the following report is submitted for your consideration:

REV. J. H. WARREN.

Rev. J. H. Warren, a retired minister, passed away in January, 1950. Before uniting with the Eastern Virginia Conference he was a minister in the Methodist Church, in which he had served as pastor and District Superintendent, and had done some work as a Chatauqua Lecturer. He was pastor of the Ocean View Church before it was moved to Bay View and organized the Little Creek Church where he served as pastor until his retirement. He was a man of vision and enthusiasm, deeply interested in the church.

MR. WILBUR E. MACCLENNY.

Mr. Wilbur E. MacClenny was the official Historian of the conference for several years previous to his retirement due to failing health. He died on March 3, 1950, at the age of 74 years. He made some very valuable contributions to the recorded history of the Christian Church. Among his contributions were many papers written giving accurate historical information of the churches. His chief work in the historical field was his book—*The Life of Rev. James O'Kelly*—published several years ago. It was his great desire to revise that book and add some valuable information which he had secured since the book was published. He was a loyal member of his church and his historical records were sought far and wide. He left a great deal of historical material which should be edited and prepared for publication. His failing health made it impossible for him to finish that objective of his life.

REV. LUTHER B. GRICE.

Rev. Luther B. Grice, the beloved pastor of Holy Neck and Eure Churches, passed away on October 2, 1950, while a patient in the Kecoughatan Hospital, Hampton, Virginia. Dr. Grice came into our fellowship from the Baptist Church. In the Baptist denomination, he served as pastor of important churches in Chicago, Florida and North Carolina. His work in our church was limited to about two years, but during

that period he manifested a sincere interest in the denomination, and freely expressed his joy in the new found fellowship. Normally, he appeared to be a man of vigorous health, but in the midst of active service his health suddenly failed, and he lingered only a few weeks.

Looking back upon the lives of these co-workers of other days, we are moved to express our sincere appreciation of their contribution to the Kingdom of God through our Conference. Therefore we offer the following brief resolutions of respect:

Resolved:

1. That we record our thanks to Almighty God for the gift of these men to our church; and for their labors in our conference.
2. That we record our appreciation of their friendly fellowship with us in the deliberations of this body, and in the local churches where they worshipped and served.
3. That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Conference, a copy sent to *The Christian Sun* for publication a copy sent to the families of the deceased.
4. That the conference stand for a moment, in silence as a token of our prayers of thanksgiving and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. JOHNSON.

Rev. Duane N. Vore, chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Education, presented Rev. Henry M. George as a candidate for conference ordination. The service was in charge of Rev. W. Millard Stevens. Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein gave the charge, Dr. N. G. Newman gave the prayer, Dr. I. W. Johnson presented the Bible, and Rev. Herbert G. Councill, Jr., gave the right hand of fellowship for the brethren.

The Conference Sermon was given by Dr. Douglas Horton, after which the Communion Service was conducted by Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein with the assistance of several laymen and ministers who served as deacons.

The conference adjourned after benediction by Rev. V. T. Crawford.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the president at 9:30 a. m. Rev. Henry M. George led the opening hymn and Rev. H. E. Crutchfield led the session in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved..

Dr. W. T. Scott presented the following motion which was adopted.

That item 10 of the Southern Convention Report of Finance be interpreted to mean for the Eastern Virginia Conference that the Convention Office and Conference Treasurer prepare and present to the Conference session a list of church by church apportionment contributions received up to October 15th of each year and that the Secretary request the churches to report not later than October 15th.

On motion it was adopted that the secretary be requested to prepare a statistical chart of church letters and ministerial reports to be presented each year at the annual conference.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship means the great "unplowed field" in the average church and the "untried life" for the average individual in the church. Why so many churches continue their struggle for existence on the local level and plead inability to make substantial contributions to church extension with the vast resources of Christian Stewardship untapped remains the number one problem. The time was when the values of a well-

rounded stewardship program for local churches and average Christians was a vague issue. We had neither the understanding of the principles of Christian Stewardship, nor the materials for study to enlighten ourselves on the subject. Neither can be our excuse now. The examples of what a well-rounded program of stewardship can do for a local church are legion, and the individual practice of stewardship and tithing by individual Christians is bearing fruit in most every church. Ignorance of the law is no excuse in the eyes of the law. Certainly we cannot conscientiously say that we do know how to put Christian Stewardship to work in a local church, nor that we are not familiar with the spirit and principles of stewardship for our individual lives in the face of the abundance of materials available for the asking.

Many recommendations have been made by committees on stewardship in all our conferences, and in the Southern Convention. They have all been adopted without question and forgotten without exception. Why more? It would be hard to justify.

Recommendations are not the answer. There must come a time of action before the response for consecrated men, women and dollars will be poured into local church needs and programs and find their way through local church concerns to the wider needs of the Kingdom of God.

May it suffice to point out where effective stewardship programs must originate: Dr. C. H. Rowland used to say, "The pastor is the key man." He still is. Until and unless the pastor of the local church is willing to take the initiative no program can get very far. It means a lot of study on the subject. Some books must be read, some pamphlets must be bought and distributed. Some sermons must be preached, and some programs must be developed and put into the church life. Any pastor, of any church in the conference, who will bestir himself, can multiply the effectiveness of his church through a good, well balanced program of Christian Stewardship. Beyond these suggestions we would suggest the following means to this worthy end:

1. Put a literature table in the church vestibule and load it with all kinds of good literature—it will pay its own way if well done.

2. Many good visual aid programs can be had for the asking. The Convention Office can help you. A free-will offering at the showing of any of the longer, better films will pay all expense and rich dividends in stewardship education.

3. Use the "Turnover Chart" in training workers for the Every-Member Canvass, in any church, rural or city. The entire program may be had by writing the Missions Council. Other methods are excellent. But here again, the pastor must lead off, perhaps, against some opposition.

Stewardship will work, but it must use your heart and hands. Your committee stands ready to assist individuals and churches at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Chairman.*

Mr. E. F. Raeford of the Friends Church and Rev. Wayne W. Womer, executive secretary of the Virginia Temperance Council, were presented to conference.

The report of Laymen's Work was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

A rally for the laymen of the Eastern Virginia Conference was held at the Suffolk Christian Church on Saturday, April 15, 1950, with about 125 men from our churches throughout the conference present. Mr. W. B. Williams of the Newport News Church presided and presented the program. Interesting discussions were held in the afternoon centering around the duties of the Deacons of our churches and the Finance Committees. Mr. Walter A. Graham, head of our National Laymen's Fellowship, spoke at the banquet and brought a very challenging message.

There were quite a number of our laymen attending the Laymen's meeting for the Southern Convention at Elon College in January. It is generally felt, I think, that the men of our churches represent the great untapped reservoir of strength that is needed to help put across so many of the programs of our church that need new emphasis. It is to that end that the President has dedicated himself in the hope that the men of our churches will begin a real service to the Kingdom of God. The strength and ability is present if we can only channel it into the proper course.

The fall rally of the laymen for our churches in Eastern Virginia will be held on Sunday afternoon and evening, November 5, 1950 with our church in Franklin, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLS E. GODWIN, JR., *President.*

The report of the Southern Convention was given by the president, Rev. W. Millard Stevens. He brought to the attention of the conference the need for dedication on the part of each church member in enlisting men, women and young people for Christ; sharing wholeheartedly in the progarm of Stewardship; and arising from our apathy to action.

The report was received with the request that its contents be printed in *The Christian Sun.*

The report of the Woman's Missionary Conference was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The Thirty-eighth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at the Suffolk Church, Tuesday, October 3, 1950, with more than 415 women, ministers and visitors present. The theme for the day was "Thy Will To Do." This same theme is to be followed throughout the coming year.

The conference considered it a rare privilege to have two interesting and inspirational speakers to appear on the program. The keynote address of the day was given by Dr. Ruth I. Seabury, Missionary Education Secretary of the Missions Council of the American Board. She told the thrilling story of Christ and the Church in Japan. The President of our Woman's Missionary Convention, Mrs. O. H. Paris, brought us a wonderful message on "Thy Will To Do—With A Christ-like Spirit."

Mrs. W. B. Williams, our treasurer, reported the total financial receipts for the year amounted to $8,878.37, with 38 women's societies, 31 young people's, 26 children's societies and 26 cradle roll societies reporting. The conference adopted a financial goal of $10,000.00 for the coming year. It also voted that a committee be appointed to re-study the financial goals of our societies and recommend increases wherever possible. This is being done to help in the expansion of our work and the increasing need for funds for mission work.

Our Mission Study books are *Assignment—Near East* and *Once There Were Two Churches.* Our Bible Study is *Great Bible Prayers.* The Thank Offering will be used to pay for the renovating and redecorating of Whitley Memorial Auditorium at Elon College.

Our installation service for the 1950-51 officers was very impressively conducted by Mrs. O. H. Paris, our Woman's Convention President. The officers installed were: President—Mrs. William T. Harrell; 1st Vice President and Superintendent of Friendly Service—Mrs. Garland Spratley; 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Ray F. Gordon; Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. W. Stagg; Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Superintendents were as follows: Young People—Mrs. R. E. Brittle; Children—Mrs. W. C. Seely; Cradle Roll—Mrs. Herbert G. Councill, Jr.; Christian Family Life—Mrs. J. Everette Neese; Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. W. H. Johnson; Life Membership & Memorials—Mrs. Roy Brinkley; Literature—Mrs. W. V. Leathers; Spiritual Life—Mrs. J. H. Duling; Visual Aids—Mrs. A. C. Moore.

District Superintendents were as follows: Norfolk—Mrs. L. W. Vaughn; Suffolk—Mrs. T. Hayes Holland; Waverly—Mrs. Garland Spratley.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL,
President.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was read and, pending its adoption, an address was given by Rev. Wayne W. Womer, executive secretary of the Virginia Church Temperance Council.

The report was amended by the addition of an additional paragraph, (D). The report was then adopted as follows:

REORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

Your Committee for Social Action has no actual report of work accomplished to present. The reason for this is obvious—no work was undertaken. The committee has no reason for its failure but it can offer an excuse—there is apparently no organization in our local churches to foster or to sponsor such work. There is, therefore, no compulsion put upon the committee to attempt any work.

Perhaps it would not be amiss to point briefly at things we *might* have done.

1. We might have taken part in the Displaced Persons program sponsored by our national fellowship. Granting that our knowledge is limited, your committee knows of no church in our conference undertaking this highly commendable and greatly needed effort. Certainly, ministry to men who are in dire need should not find us so self-concerned that we shut our ears and our hearts to their need. The "in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren," certainly is pertinent in our day and would gain visual and personal expression through our sharing in the D. P. program. Our failure to participate should give us cause for serious reflection.

2. We might have shared in the Agricultural Relations program of the National Council for Social Action. The emphasis on the Family Farm and a Christian Policy for American Agriculture could present some interesting ideas to all of us, urban or rural. Certainly, we recognize the fact of personal Christian character evident in our membership but the discussion for a Christian program for Agriculture (or industrial relations or any other specific field) serves to deepen that personal character and is never a reflection on it.

3. We might have done very constructive work in the area of International Relations. There may have been a few instances in local churches where such study was undertaken but no general study was developed. The church must take a place of leadership in the area of world politics if we are to have a reasonable peace. That leadership cannot begin at the national level, it must begin at the local church. Our education can and ought to begin in our own churches. It will not be easy nor will it always be tremendously effective, but it ought; it needs to be done if we are to be enabled to make a contribution to world peace. Intelligent understanding must begin in the church. These are three of the areas in which our churches could have and should have worked with the Council for Social Action in the past year. Your committee confesses its dereliction in failing to present any challenge to you that you might be called to action.

In the light of the failure of the past year, we make the following recommendations:

A. That in every church where it has not already been done, a chairman for Social Action be elected and work begun to acquaint our people with the effort of the church in this area.

B. That our churches participate in the national program of the Council on "The Churches and Alcohol Education" using the four-point program as adopted by the Council at its meeting in February 1950. That program is (pg. 107 Advance Reports of General Council, Etc.):

(1) Abstinence is the rule of prudence. The results of the use of alcohol are not specifically predictable. However, it frequently intensifies other human problems, individual and social. Any individual's behavior may have a serious influence upon the moral character and conduct of another. Modern living requires exceptional skills which are frequently affected by the use of alcohol. A substantial proportion of those who start to drink become addicted to the use of alcohol beverages.

(2) Any use of alcoholic beverages must respect such conditions as (a) there should be the intention of and capacity for avoiding drunkenness, (b) there should be no drinking before the assumption of responsibilities such as driving, using vocational skills or making important decisions, (c) there should be no drinking by minors nor should temptation be put in their way, (d) there should be no drinking that leads to dependence upon alcohol, and (e) no substantial part of a person's income can justifiably be spent for such a purpose.

(3) Voluntary drunkenness is wrong. The repudiation of individual moral re-

sponsibility in deliberately getting drunk is a sin against God. It is also a menace to the health and welfare of one's self and one's neighbors.

(4) Alcoholics are sick persons and must be so treated. The resources of medicine, social sciences and religion should be used for their rehabilitation. In many areas far more adequate personnel and facilities are needed.

C. That our churches secure the services of one of the secretaries in a series of discussion groups on the Christian Policy for American Agriculture. If possible, such a meeting or series of meetings should also be worked out in the fields of Industrial Relations and International Relations that the experience may be shared with the local churches.

Dr. Ray Gbboins, Director of the Council for Social Action, closed his report with these words: "Believing that the church will find itself as it loses itself in the struggle to achieve a warless, just and brotherly world, we launch this venture, dedicating ourselves to unremitting work for a day in which all men find peace, security and abundant life."

D. That we make public our disapproval of the liquor advertisements appearing in our local papers, magazines, on the radio and on Television.

Your committee feels that these words declare the need for our participation in the program of the Council for Social Action and request the churches to meet the challenge they offer that the task may be accomplished to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

DUANE N. VORE, *Chairman,*
H. G. COUNCILL, JR.,
HARRY W. LEE,
JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN.

On motion it was adopted that the Eastern Virginia Conference become identified with the Virginia Church Temperance Council. On motion it was adopted to refer our financial obligation to the Virginia Church Temperance Council to the Finance Committee for a report to the Executive Committee for action.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was read by the chairman and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

Your Committee on Superannuation has been rather inactive during the past year. However, recommendations have been made to the National Division of Ministerial Relief that two additional grants be made in the conference, bringing the total grants of the conference to five—the largest number in the past decade.

We believe that our ministers and the churches, in the greater majority, are taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the Annuity Fund. If there are ministers who are not covered by the Fund, we urge them to investigate the advantages it offers and urge their churches to see that it is made possible for them to become a member. The committee offers its assistance in bringing them into membership.

During the last few years the churches of the conference have been doing a good job on the Superannuation Apportionment, but while the Convention Apportionment was slightly oversubscribed the past year, the conference lacked by a few dollars raising its full apportionment. We hope that this will not be so for the present year, and we urge that it be fully met or oversubscribed in the coming year. We also recommend that our churches take a Christmas Fund offering.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. KERNODLE,
For the Committee.

The report on the Christian Orphanage was given by Supt. John G. Truitt. He expressed appreciation for the fine support of the churches and emphasized the need for a liberal Thanksgiving offering.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Finance, have carefully examined the records of our efficient and capable treasurer, Mr. G. C. White, and also verified all balances with bank accounts and find them to be correct.

We report that the treasurer has received at this session of conference checks and cash totaling $109.00 from the churches on conference apportionments, and the superintendent of the Southern Convention has received cash and checks on conference apportionments totaling $402.00, making a total of $511.00.

The records of the treasurer show the following amounts on hand and in bank, and including the item of $511.00 listed above, the balance to each fund will be as follows:

Conference Fund	$ 827.11
Conference Home Missions	1,388.25
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1,611.85
Ministerial Education Fund	5,203.34
Va. Council of Churches and Work in State Institutions	248.95
	$9,279.50

We recommend the payment of the following from the Conference Fund:

Suffolk Insurance Corp., premium on treasurer's bond, $5.00.

Secretary's salary, $50.00.

Supplies and miscellaneous expense of the secretary's office, and incidental bills incurred by the treasurer.

We authorize the treasurer to pay from the Conference Fund the amount necessary to pay in full the appropriation of $250.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches.

We authorize the payment of the following appropriations from the Home Mission Fund, as recommended by the Home Missions Committee and as approved by conference:

Wakefield Parish, on pastor's salary, $400.00.

Windsor Church, on building fund, $700.00.

Little Creek Church, a|c Ministerial Educational Fund loan, $300.00.

S. T. HOLLAND,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
W. H. BAKER.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Dr. I. W. Johnson, who moved its adoption. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We submit the following nominations for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. R. E. Brittle.
Vice-President—Rev. W. Stanley Carne.
Secretary—Rev. J. Everette Neese.
Treasurer—Mr. G. C. White.
Historian—Dr. N. G. Newman.
Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches—
Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle,
Rev. Duane N. Vore, Rev. W. Millard Stevens.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. JOHNSON,
M. E. TAYLOR,
J. E. MCCAULEY.

The conference adjourned the morning session with prayer by Rev. Herbert G. Council, Jr.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference was convened at 1:30 p. m. The hymn was led by Rev. C. C. Thomas, who also gave the opening prayer.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The eighty-first session of the Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Cypress Chapel Christian Church, Cypress Chapel, Virginia, on Tuesday, July 18, 1950, with about 250 delegates and visitors in attendance.

The theme of the convention was "Consecrated Service Through the Sunday School." A very interesting program was presented around this theme, with Rev. Duane Vore, pastor of the Suffolk Christian Church, bringing the principal address on the theme of the day. The program was well balanced, and those participating brought very inspiring messages and discussions relative to our entire Sunday school program. Collections and reports were received from all except four or five of our Sunday schools in the conference. Those failing to send in reports are those that have been failing to do so for years.

The sum of $800.00 was appropriated again for the Board of Christian Education, with $100.00 earmarked for training schools within our conference. Again $50.00 was ordered sent to the Virginia Council of Churches, and miscellaneous items of expense were ordered paid. There was also expressed again the feeling that Leadership Training Schools for our Sunday school workers were very necessary and worthwhile, as there is always present a great need for better instruction and preparation in our work.

The ladies and all members of the Cypress Chapel Church did a wonderful job of entertaining the 1950 session of the convention, and it was voted to have the 1951 session meet with the South Norfolk Christian Church on Tuesday after the third Sunday in July, 1951.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Floyd A. Turner, president, Suffolk; Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, vice-president, Great Bridge; W. H. Baker, secretary, Newport News, and Miss Mary Lee Folk, treasurer, Suffolk.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLS E. GODWIN, JR.,
President.

The report of the Pilgrim Fellowship was read by the secretary and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

This has been a most progressive year for the young people of Eastern Virginia. There have been five new young people's groups organized this past year. We now have 33 active groups, which have met in three conference rallies. The spring rally was held at Holland, the summer rally at Suffolk (being a joint meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship and the Young People's Missionary Conference), and the fall missionary rally at Suffolk, with Dr. Ruth I. Seabury as speaker. All of the rallies have been well attended, and a great deal of enthusiasm has been shown by the young people, their leaders and their ministers.

We have worked with the other conferences of the Southern Convention in sending a young person from our area to a work camp in Italy. Max Vestal will meet with us in the early spring and tell us of his experiences at the work camp. We also helped to send two delegates to the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship held at Milwaukee Downer College, Milmaukee, Wisconsin. These delegates were Mrs. W. B. Williams and Jack Byrd.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Jack Byrd, and other interested people have met in district meetings in all three districts of our conference, discussing plans for the coming year. These meetings, we feel, have been very successful, and we believe they will be of help to the societies in the coming year.

The most important thing that has happened in our conference this year and in many years, took place at the joint meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship and the Young People's Missionary Conference in Suffolk. There these two groups voted to become united under one set of officers, and that the name of the new organization be called "The Eastern Virginia Youth Fellowship. The apportionment dues of the local groups will be sent to the treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Conference. Two-thirds of this will be held by the treasurer for projects designated by the young people, and one-third will be turned over to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship to be used in conference work.

This organization will hold three meetings each year. The first meeting will be the first Sunday in February, at the end of Youth Week; the second meeting in the early summer and the fall meeting will be devoted to missionary work.

There will be a slate of officers similar to the one previously used by the Pilgrim Fellowship. In addition, there will be a young people's missionary superintendent, appointed by the Woman's Missionary Conference.

We believe that this is the most progressive move the Eastern Virginia young people have ever taken. We pray for strength and guidance in the tasks which lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK BYRD, *President.*

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read and, pending its adoption, an address was given by Rev. Earl T. Farrell on "The Protestant Reformation."

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

An informed leadership and an informed "followship" are both absolutely essential to the realization of constructive service and continuing progress in any church. Discriminating reading on the part of ministers and laity definitely contributes to the efficiency of both groups and to the work of the church in general.

Having a large number of books in one's library and a long list of current religious periodicals coming into one's home each week or each month, does not necessarily indicate one's interest in or use of religious literature. Merely to have religious literature at hand is not enough. The important consideration is not how many religious books and periodicals a person has; the important thing is *how many he consistently reads;* and, an even more important thing is *how understandingly he reads what he reads*—how well one digests and assimilates what he reads. Merely to pass words in review or uncomprehendingly to scan the lines of a printed page is not true reading. Reading is more than recognizing the words used by a writer; it is to recognize, appreciate and appropriate the facts presented by the writer. Reading is indeed one of the fine arts; and as such should be a major concern of every disciple of Jesus.

What people read and how well they read is reflected in what they think and in how they act. Reading the right kind of religious literature enables Christian people to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord"; and such people help their church to "Grow and Glow and Go." A reading membership is one of the best assets any church can have.

But all that is labeled "Religious Literature" is not of religious value. Much so-called religious literature is in fact but unrealistic shadow-boxing—distorted helf-truths, echoes of demagoguery—the product of tangled or prejudiced minds.

The leaders in the various departments of our denominational life are best qualified to gove guidance in choosing the religious literature our people should read. So-called religious literature that is peddled from house to house by fanatical individuals who berate and malign the churches, is an abomination in the sight of the Lord, and should provoke righteous indignation, instead of receiving the patronage of all church-loving people.

Our Sunday schools, our missionary societies, our women's groups, our men's groups, our youth groups, and all other groups within our churches are urged to use our denominational literature. And we would urge that every Congregational Christian

Church home should be a proud subscriber of our two denominational publications—*The Christian Sun* and *Advance*.

R. C. HELFENSTEIN, *Chairman*,
W. L. WOOD,
MRS. W. T. HARRELL,
BAXTER TWIDDY.

On motion it was adopted that Mr. Farrell's address be published in *The Christian Sun*.

It was moved and carried that the flowers from the church be sent to Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Morgan.

On motion it was voted that the minutes of the conference be published in THE ANNUAL and that 350 copies be ordered by the secretary and allocated among the churches.

The report of the Committee on Place was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

The Committee on Place recommends that the place of meeting for our one hundred and thirty-first annual session be left to the decision of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The Executive Committee recommends that the 1951 session of the Eastern Virginia Conference be held with the Franklin Congregational Christian Church.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to submit the following:

1. Resolved that we acknowledge the efficient work of the Program Committee in planning and executing such a splendid program.

2. Resolved, that we express our appreciation to Dr. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, and to Rev. Wayne W. Womer, executive secretary of the Virginia Church Temperance Council, and to all the speakers who have helped in making this session of our conference so informing and inspiring.

3. Resolved, that we again commend the work of the Laymen's Movement during the past year and pledge our whole hearted support to the leaders of this progressive movement in the work of our great church.

4. We want to commend our president, Rev. R. E. Brittle, for the beautiful spirit he has shown, and the business-like way in which he has dispatched the business of this session of conference.

5. Resolved, that we express, by standing, our deep appreciation to the pastor and members of the Bethlehem Church for the gracious manner in which they have entertained the 130th annual session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, for the delicious meals, and for their gracious hospitality in entertaining delegates in their homes.

Respectfully submitted,
O. D. POYTHRESS, *Chairman*.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the secretary for his untiring work in the preparation of the "Gold Book" and his work at conference.

The president appointed the following standing committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—R. E. Brittle, W. S. Carne, J. Everette Neese, H. S. Hardcastle, H. G. Councill, Jr.

Ministerial Education—H. S. Hardcastle, N. G. Newman, W. Millard Stevens, J. E. McCauley.

Apportionment—S. T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, Floyd Turner, Ellis N. Clark, Letcher Eley.

Home Missions—H. G. Councill, Jr., N. G. Newman, Mills E. Godwin, J. P. Cross, J. M. Roberts.

Foreign Missions—Earl T. Farrell, Mrs. J. F. Morgan, D. D. Nash, John Gallo, Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

Evangelism—O. D. Poythress, Melvin Dollar, A. Lanson Granger, Jr., H. M. George, J. F. Morgan.

Religious Literature—Roy C. Helfenstein, W. L. Wood, Mrs. W. T. Harrell, Mrs. A. C. Moore, Baxter Twiddy.

Stewardship—Jesse H. Dollar, W. A. Grissom, C. C. Thomas, V. T. Crawford, Darden W. Jones.

Social Action—Duane N. Vore, H. E. Crutchfield, Johnson L. Griffin, Harry W. Lee, M. S. Taylor.

Superannuation—John T. Kernodle, W. H. Baker, G. C. White.

Program—R. E. Brittle, W. S. Carne, J. Everette Neese, H. S. Hardcastle, H. G. Council, Jr.

Place of Meeting—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Memoirs—H. S. Hardcastle, J. F. Morgan, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Voted that conference adjourn following prayer and benediction by Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., and that it meet in its 131st annual session with the Franklin Congregational Christian Church (Executive Committee's action on vote of conference), on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1951.

R. E. BRITTLE, *President,*
J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Brittle, R. E—Church: Bethlehem (Nansemond). Sermons, 82; members received, 78; weddings performed, 132; conversions, 48; baptisms, 22; addresses, 6; funerals. 36.

Carne, W. S.—Church: First, Portsmouth. Sermons, 156; members received, 12; prayer meetings, 75; weddings performed, 6; conversions, 7; baptisms, 6; addresses, 20; funerals, 6.

Clark, Ellis N.—Churches: Windsor, Antioch, Mt. Carmel, Isle of Wight. Sermons, 110; members received, 27; weddings performed, 5; conversions, 12; baptisms, 6; addresses, 5; funerals, 10.

Council, Herbert G., Jr.—Church: Rosemont. Sermons, 71; members received, 26; prayer meetings, 24; weddings performed, 10; conversions, 15; baptisms, 19; addresses, 5; funerals, 13.

Crawford, V. T.—Churches: Union, North Miami, Fla., Shelton Memorial. Sermons, 100; members received, Miami, 8, Shelton Memorial 7; prayer meetings, 4; weddings performed, 6; baptisms, 6 (Miami); addresses, 12; funerals, 6.

Dollar, Jesse H.—Church: Liberty Spring. Sermons, 79; members received, 16; conversions, 10; baptisms, 12; addresses, 14; funerals, 4.

Dollar, Melvin—Churches: Langdale, Ala. and Union (Southampton). Sermons, 112; members received, 77; prayer meetings, 26; weddings performed, 5; conversions, 35; baptisms, 35; addresses, 4; funerals, 7.

Farrell, Earl T.—Churches: Cypress Chapel, Damascus (Sunbury), Oak Grove. Sermons, 104; members received, 22; weddings performed, 9; addresses, 13; baptisms, 12; funerals, 6.

Granger, A. Lanson, Jr.—Churches: Sayville Congregational, Sayville, N. Y., and First, Newport News. Sermons (new field), 28; weddings performed, 4; addresses, 2; funerals, 2.

Griffin, Johnson L.—Church: Bay View. Sermons, 105; members received, 11; prayer meetings, 5; weddings performed, 4; conversions, 6; baptisms, 6; addresses, 4; funerals, 2.

Grissom, William A.—Churches: Franklin, Johnson's Grove. Sermons, 66; members received, 29; weddings performed, 7; conversions, 12; baptisms, 12; addresses, 7; funerals, 5.

Gwin, John L—Supply work.

Hardcastle, H. S.—Churches: First, Newport News, Oakland, Berea. Sermons, 82; members received, 25; weddings performed, 3; conversions, 9; baptisms, 7; addresses, 35; funerals, 13.

Helfenstein, Roy C.—Church: Richmond. Sermons, 68; members received, 12; prayer meetings, many; weddings performed 2; conversions, 7; baptisms, 5; addresses, 9.

Jackson, Richard L.—Missionary to China.

Johnson, I. W.—Pastor emeritus, Berea, Oakland, Liberty Spring. Sermons, 40; members received, 10; baptisms, 6; addresses, 2; funerals, 16.

Jones, Elwood W.—Retired. Sermons, 6; weddings performed, 1; addresses, 43; funerals, 3.

Lightbourne, James H., Jr.—Church: Holland (since June 1). Sermons, 15; prayer meetings, 8; weddings performed, 1; addresses 4; funerals, 4.

Morgan, J. F.—Retired.

McCauley, Joseph E.—Churches: Waverly, Spring Hill, Centerville. Sermons, 127; members received 4; prayer meetings, 8; weddings performed, 5; conversions, 3; baptisms, 2; addresses, 4; funerals, 12.

Murchison, J. Victor—No report.

Neese, J. Everette—Church: Second, Norfolk. Sermons, 98; members received, 8; prayer meetings, 26; weddings performed, 5; conversions, 5; baptisms, 1; addresses, 15; funerals, 5.

Newman, N. G.—Retired. Sermons, 30; members received, 10; baptisms, 2.

Olejar, George—Retired.

Pearce, George—Retired.

Phillips, S. W.—Reported by letter. Sermons, 12; prayer meetings, 7; addresses, 9.

Poythress, O. D.—Church: South Norfolk. Sermons, 135; members received 62; prayer meetings, 40; weddings performed, 48; conversions, 38; baptisms, 40; addresses, 22; funerals, 76.

Roberts, J. M.—No report.

Scott, Wm. T.—Superintendent, Southern Convention. Sermons preached, 51; weddings performed 2; addresses, 42; funerals, 3.

Smith, L. E.—President, Elon College. Sermons, 12; prayermeetings, 5; weddings performed, 4; addresses, 14.

Stevens, W. Millard—Church: Christian Temple. Sermons, 79; members received, 59; weddings performed, 15; conversions, 29; baptisms, 38; funerals, 15.

Thomas, C. C.—Church: First, Norfolk. Sermons, 48; members received, 3; weddings performed, 1; baptisms, 4; addresses, 7; funerals, 2.

Truitt, John G.—Superintendent, Christian Orphanage.

Vore, Duane N.—Church: Suffolk. Sermons, 80; members received, 41; prayer meetings, 28; weddings performed, 10; conversions, 13; baptisms, 38; addresses, 23; funerals, 15.

Watkins, B. H.—Church: Union (Southampton), October-December.

Wood, Wm. L.—Churches: Wakefield, Burton's Grove, Dendron, Barretts. Sermons, 88; members received, 17; prayer meetings, 20; weddings performed, 2; conversions, 6; baptisms, 8; addresses, 3; funerals, 4.

CONFERENCE ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTERS.

Gallo, John—Church: Bethlehem (Disputanta). Sermons, 62; prayer meetings, 10; weddings, 3; baptisms, 7; addresses, 45; funerals, 1.

George, Henry M.—Church: Elm Avenue. Sermons 18; prayer meetings, 8; weddings performed, 1; baptisms, 1; addresses, 2; funerals, 1. (Report covers August 6-September 30, 1950.)

Nash, D. D.—Church: First, Hopewell. Sermons, 160; members received, 6; prayer meetings, 45; weddings performed, 10; conversions, 6; baptisms, 5; addresses, 3; funerals, 8.

Taylor, M. E.—Church: Little Creek. Sermons, 104; members received, 9; prayer meetings, 52; weddings performed, 2; conversions, 11; baptisms, 4.

LICENTIATES.

Gleason, H. A., Jr.—No report.

Harrell, V. B., Jr.—No report.

Twiddy, C. Baxter—Student.

MEMBERS OF BIBLICAL CLASS.

Truitt, John G. Jr.—Student.

Vargo, Paul V.—No report.

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The eightieth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Pleasant Grove Christian Church, near Bennett, North Carolina, on Wednesday morning, November 8, 1951 at 10 o'clock, with President F. C. Lester presiding.

The opening prayer was led by the host pastor, Rev. Fred Allred.

The enrollment of ministers and delegates showed the following present:

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—F. C. Lester, E. Carl Brady, T. J. Green, Clyde Fields, J. Q. Pugh, B. H. Lowdermilk, L. M. Presnell, W. T. Madren, H. V. Cox, T. D. Sutton, G. H. Veazey, M. A. Pollard.

Biblical Class Memebers—C. Fred Allred, Martin L. Fogleman, Max Vestal.

Churches and Delegates.

Albemarle—Mrs. C. C. Mauldin, Mrs. J. D. Gantt, Mrs. Marshall Troutman, Mrs. Mary Pennington.

Antioch (C.)—By letter.

Antioch (R.)—

Asheboro—Mrs. Ray Moore, C. G. Cheek, Mrs. E. P. Burroughs.

Bailey's Grove—Mrs. L. D. Underwood, Mrs. Lizzie Trogden.

Bennett—L. M. Murray, B. C. Routh, Mrs. B. C. Routh.

Big Oak—D. E. Cole, Alton Richardson.

Biscoe—

Brown's Chapel—Jessie Morgan, D. L. Brome, Linda Brewer, R. C. Brewer

Center Grove—

Ether—Rufus McLoud, Mrs. Rufus McLoud.

Flint Hill (M.)—Willie Williams.

Flint Hill (R.)—Janie Richardson.

Grace's Chapel—Mrs. Ralph Foushee, H. A. Willett, J. H. Register, S. H. McDuffie.

Hank's Chapel—Winfred Mann, Mrs. Winfred Mann, L. J. Riddle, Jr., B. C. Riddle.

High Point—Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, Ray Johnson.

Liberty—J. L. York, Mrs. J. G. Brady.
Mt. Pleasant—Lee Marks, Ellen Marks, E. M. Marks, Mrs. E. M. Marks.
Needham's Grove—Lillie Needham, Mary Hussey.
New Center—L. B. Craven.
Parks Cross Roads—
Patterson Grove—
Pleasant Cross—Mrs. John Pugh, Sr., Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Jr.
Pleasant Grove—Miss Wavel Brady, Mrs. Virginia Wright, Miss Flossie Bray.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. M. A. Pollard, Mrs. O. T. Wicker, Mrs. Lawrence Fox, Glenn Murchison.
Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Colbert Allen, Mrs. Lendon Williams, S. H. Pell, O. C. Brown.
Pleasant Union—Lewis Trotter, Clarence Snider, Mrs. W. A. Trotter.
Providence Chapel—Opal Brewer, C. B. Brewer, Edna Brewer, J. E. Brewer.
Ramseur—Roy Smith, E. A. Cox, Mrs. Claude Craven.
Randleman—Mrs. R. J. Cottle, R. J. Cottle, Mrs. J. E. Brown.
Seagrove—Mrs. R. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Junie Farlow.
Shady Grove—Mrs. Ralph Floyd, Mrs. Von Allen, Mrs. E. B. Cochran.
Shiloh—By letter.
Smithwood—Harvie Smith, Connie Wright, Ruby Amick.
Sophia—Mrs. A. H. Walker.
Spoon's Chapel—Grace Luck, Ernest Scott.
Union Grove—Mrs. Paul Tedder, Mrs. Paul Wilson.
Zion—Joy Johnson, Alton Wicker, Joe Farrell.

The following visitors were seated as deliberative members: Rev. R. T. Grissom, Rev. Fred Register and Rev. R. E. Tally, E. N. C. Conference; Dr. Ross Sanderson, director of Field Research, Board of Home Missions; Dr. Douglas Horton, Minister and secretary of the General Council; Supt. W. T. Scott; Dr. R. L. House, editor of *The Christian Sun;* Supt. John G. Truitt, of the Christian Orphanage.

The printed program was adopted as the working order of the day with such changes as might be necessary.

Mimeographed copies of the committee reports were presented to members of conference.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating—Clyde Fields, Mrs. Rufus Lawrence, John Register.
Resolutions—T. D. Sutton, Lunnie Burgess.
Place—H. V. Cox, M. J. Brown, Mrs. Ernest Scott.
Finance—Charles Cheek, A. L. Lucas, Mrs. Ira McDowell, Max Vestal, Winfred Bray.
Press—Mrs. Quinton Hicks, W. T. Madren, Bill Simmons.

In the absence of Rev. W. Millard Stevens, president of the Southern Convention, who was to have addressed conference on the subject, "Our Mid-Century Advance," his address was read by Rev. W. W. Hall.

The general topic, "Advance in the Southern Convention," was ably presented by Dr. William Moseley Brown, in regard to Elon College. Dr. L. E. Smith was absent, due to illness.

Supt. W. T. Scott spoke on "Advance through the Convention Office."

"Advance through Our Orphanage" was presented by Supt. John G. Truitt.

Dr. Robert Lee House, editor of *The Christian Sun,* gave the conference some ways by which our church paper can help us in our progress.

Dr. Ross Sanderson spoke to the conference on "Advance through Survey of Churches." Dr. Douglas Horton addressed the conference on the subject, "Advance in Our Christian World Missions."

Benediction and grace for the table by Dr. Horton, concluded the morning session.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Following an opening hymn, Rev. L. M. Presnell led in prayer.

Matters of business were called for.

"Progress Needed in Our Local Churches," was discussed by the ministers of the conference, each telling what was the greatest need in his churches.

One delegate from each church was asked to tell what his church needed in order to advance, from the view-point of the laity of the church.

The chairmen of all conference committees were called to the platform and asked to state what their respective committees expected to present to conference for approval in order to advance as a conference.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented by Rev. E. Carl Brady, chairman, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

1. Max Vestal is continuing his studies at Elon. This is his sophomore year. He wishes to continue as a member of the Biblical Class. The committee makes this recommendation to conference.

2. Rev. Thomas D. Sutton has completed his college work at Elon. We recommend that by action of this conference, the order of his ordination be changed from local or conference to regular ordination.

3. Rev. Martin Fogleman has served a field in the Eastern North Carolina Conference for some time now, and he has been called back. He requests local ordination at this session of conference. Upon the recommendation of his churches, we recommend that this conference grant him local ordination.

4. Rev. Fred Allred is doing a fine and outstanding piece of work in our midst. His attitude has been very commendable. We recommend his ordination upon his completion of his college work in May. The time and place should be decided upon by the Executive Committee and Brother Allred.

5. Winfred Bray appeared before the committee. He is attending Elon now, preparing to enter the ministry. We recommend that he be admitted to the Biblical Class.

6. Rev. R. T. Grissom asks to be allowed to serve as pastor of Hank's Chapel Church while holding membership in the Eastern North Carolina Conference. We commend him for taking this position and recommend that he be allowed the privilege to do so.

7. Lunnie Burgess appeared before the committee and asked for conference

recognition. He stated that he had been preaching for some time. We recommend local licenture at this session.

8. Rev. J. A. Denton, a member of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, wishes to transfer his membership to the Western North Carolina Conference. Pending a letter of transfed, we recommend that he be received.

9. Rev. Guy H. Veazey, a member of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, wishes to transfer his membership to this conference. We recommend that he be received pending a letter of transfer.

E. CARL BRADY, *Chairman,*
H. V. COX,
W. T. MADREN,
CLYDE FIELDS.

The report was adopted.

Devotional service conducted by Dr. Ross Sanderson, who closed the session with prayer.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order by President Lester. Rev. Fred Allred, host pastor, conducted the devotional service.

Following the devotional, Bill Simmons, president of Pilgrim Fellowship, presented the work of the young people.

Licensure and ordination of candidates recommended by the Committee on the Ministry. Mr. Lunnie Burgess was given conference license, and Rev. Martin L. Fogleman was given conference ordination.

The night service was concluded by sermon and communion conducted by Dr. Douglas Horton.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 9:30 by President Lester. After singing a hymn, Rev. H. V. Cox led the prayer.

Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The report on Evangelism was presented by Rev. Clyde Fields, chairman, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Many have come to the conclusion that we must evangelize or fossilize. Thirty-eight denominations with some 40 million members have been at work in the United Evangelistic Advance. This united effort comes to a close on December 31, 1950. Your committee has been working in our conference through this United Advance.

The conference was divided into three areas with a chairman of each area. Area rallies were held March 6-8 in each area. A team composed of Rev. Walter Hall, Rev. W. T. Madren, Rev. Clyde Fields, and Mr. Walter Lanier led these workshops on Evangelism. Area chairmen Ralph Riddle, J. C. Phillips and Mrs. I. L. McDowell led the area meetings and have been at work since with the ministers of the areas in interest of evangelism. From reports received, we feel that our conference has made much progress in our evangelistic endeavor. Some churches failed to attend the rallies and neglected to report to us.

Our denomination is projecting a Mid-Century Advance. It is impossible to advance without the evangelistic note. The fine art of winning men and women to Christ and to church membership is the aim of evangelism. The goal is sacred, not the method. Evangelism includes mass evangelism or revivals, personal witness, visitation evangelism, educational evangelism, pastors' classes, evangelism through worship, radio evangelism, and other methods. If we are to have a Mid-Century Advance

we must use all of these methods if possible, or as many as ministers and churches consider workable locally.

We, your Committee on Evangelism, suggest the following plan of evangelism during this Mid-Century Advance:

1. We suggest a community survey to ascertain how many people are within reach of each church. Too many times we take it for granted that we are reaching all the people.

2. We suggest that the survey findings be discussed by each local pastor and the official board or committee on evangelism. We recommend a plan for reaching all those shown by our survey to be unchurched, be born out of prayer and meditation. Knowing there are unchurched people near the church will not bring them in; we must go out for them.

3. We suggest the following plan as a guide for reaching those discovered by our survey:

(1) Sound the evangelistic note from every pulpit.
(2) Call a meeting of all members of church concerned about the unchurched.
(3) Conduct a class of instruction in evangelism. A large chart, "Two by Two," is helpful. Write to the Commission on Evangelism, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., for material.
(4) Go out after the unchurched two by two, as Jesus sent out his disciples.
(5) Take advantage of revivals annually, for two weeks if possible; emphasize evangelism at Christmas, Easter, Sunday evening services, in Sunday school, in youth groups, and in the Missionary society.
(6) Make an effort to get all who are converted to join our churches.
(7) Each church should endeavor to reach at least one member per month per 100 members, and each church and Sunday school should have promotion days.

Your committee feels that Christ is the answer to the chaos in our world. Our task is to make Christ known to all men.

CLYDE FIELDS, *Chairman*,
J. C. PHILLIPS,
MRS. I. L. MCDOWELL,
RALPH RIDDLE.

The report on Sunday Schools was presented by S. H. Pell, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school is one of the most important organizations in our country today. Why?

Because in Protestantism it is the only place where religion can be taught. This makes the Sunday school the more important since we meet only once a week, and about thirty miutes is the limit of time allowed one to teach children religion. Let us take our Sunday School work more seriously. Let us make every minute count while we are in class. Think how long it would take us to finish high school if we had only 26 hours of work each year. It would take about 41 years to complete just one year. Think of that. Yet we are satisfied to do as we have been doing in the study of the all-important text book, the Bible. Let us give every possible moment we have in teaching the Bible to those who come to our Sunday schools.

The activities of our convention this year have been a religious institute for superintendents, teachers and Bible school workers. This was a new experinece for us, but was very successful. The attendance was not as great as we expected. However, the work that was accomplished was most helpful to those who attended.

The Sunday school convention used as a theme, "The Sunday School Geared for Service." It met at Union Grove Church. The session was enjoyed by 184 people. The increase in convention attendance is an indication that our people are becoming more interested in Sunday school, not only at home but also in the schools throughout the conference.

We had seventeen schools to report and twenty-one actually represented at the convention. From reports, we find an increase of one per cent in both enrollment and average attendance.

The treasurer received $191.40.

Officers elected for 1950-51 for the Western N. C. Sunday School Convention, are: S. H. Pell, president, Ramseur, N. C.; Rev. T. D. Sutton, vice-president, Seagrove, N. C.; Mrs. Orva Brown, secretary-treasurer, Asheboro, N. C.; Mrs. Jack Shoffner, asst. secretary-treasurer, Liberty, N. C.

The convention will meet at Pleasant Grove on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1951.

S. H. PELL, *President.*

In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. F. C. Lester read the report on Religious Literature, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Never before in the history of our nation has good reading and study been stressed as much as today. In our schools, our clubs, and our adult education groups, millions of dollars are being spent every year to review this literature. To cast aside the undesirable and replace the low standard text with materials that teach better morals and higher home standards as well as school standards, our adult education groups have asked publishers not to accept materials for print that lower religious and moral beliefs. The greatest time youth spends studying religious literature is in our churches. Are we meeting their needs by culling our materials? or do we still believe in the misconcepts of our eighteenth century forefathers, that seven is a holy number and to be greatly respected. When we see this in our literature and go to our Bibles to read and study, only to find someone has given us a wrong lead, does it cause some young person who has not spent time in prayerful study of the Bible to doubt that the Bible is the greatest of all books? Not a book on witchcraft. Are we causing our youth to have doubts where the Bible is concerned, just because we have fallen down on our presentation of it to the child?

The religious literature of our church is carefully written by our religious leaders; reviewed by others, and then published for us. So when you go home, sit down and read your Sunday school literature! Find out what our children are studying; cast aside literature of other denominations and non-denominational materials. Then order our materials, and be happy and content that our children, our greatest gift from God, are safe in studying their Sunday school literature.

Then we can face God and hear, "Well done my faithful servant."

MRS. JACK SHOFFNER,
MRS. FRED ALLEN,
HOMER COCHRAN.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented by the chairman, Mrs. F. C. Lester, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Executive Committee of the conference last fall voted to have on Committee on the Ministry and one on Christian Education, rather than the joint committee as heretofore. This, then, is the first report to conference on just "Christian Education."

The committee has had one joint session with the Committee on Religious Literature, since the work of the two is closely allied. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill acted as advisor, and an institute for children's teachers was planned.

Progress in the Mid-Century Advance in the field of Christian Education needs to be made along these lines:

1. *Support of Elon College* through:
   (a) Our gifts—apportionment, Sustaining Fund, personal;
   (b) Our young people—no use to have an institution if we do not use it;
   (c) Our words of good will—speak a good word for our college whenever possible, and the first two items will come easier.
2. *Support of our Convention Board of Christian Education* through:
   (a) Paying our apportionment—$310 out of $475 was paid last year;
   (b) Attending leadership training schools planned by this board;
   (c) Taking advantage of the services of Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, educational secretary, part of whose salary comes from our payment of this fund.

3. *Better training of our Sunday School Teachers,* because:
   (a) The teaching of the Christian religion is important enough to demand our best;
   (b) They must be able to stand up along side public school teachers and their methods, if Christian education is to be a vital influence in the lives of their pupils.
4. *Better support of our Summer Conferences, Institutes, Training Schools,* that,
   (a) We will develop leaders in all age groups in our local churches;
   (b) We will take advantage of all our opportunities offered to better inform ourselves in the field of Christian education.
5. *Vacation Bible Schools* available for the children of every church, using:
   (a) Local church leaders;
   (b) Joint leadership with other churches;
   (c) Student Summer Service leaders.
6. *Use of our own Denominational Literature,* because:
   (a) It promotes our own denominational ideas;
   (b) It is comparable to the best in public school literature;
   (c) Its emphasis is upon church and home working together, so it fosters Christian education in the home.

We urge every church to work for these things during the coming year.

MRS. F. C. LESTER,
C. FRED ALLRED,
FLOSSIE BRAY,
STACEY HAYES,
R. S. MURRAY.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented by Rev. John Q. Pugh, chairman, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee met on July 18, to make plans for the work. During this period of work, it was decided to hold a joint meeting with the C. M. A. Executive Committee. Such a joint meeting was held on August 29, at Pleasant Ridge Church. Through discussion of the joint committee, plans were arranged for the joint committee of seven to visit the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference and get the value of the C. M. A. work before the people. This was done, with some response to the great need of our Home Mission work, but not what your committee had hoped to see.

Although we wish to commend each church that has responded to the call of this great need, we wish also to commend the following churches for improvements they have made:

Pleasant Ridge for the splendid work it has done this year in clearing its parsonage and garage of their indebtedness, and in making plans to build some new Sunday school rooms.

Needham's Grove for the Sunday school plant which they are building, which consists of five class rooms and a room to house a heating plant.

Hank's Chapel for their parsonage which is almost completed, ready for a full-time pastor.

Pleasant Grove for renovating its interior and looking forward to building a new church building.

Pleasant Cross for the steps it has taken in setting up a building fund, looking forward to building a Sunday school plant.

Smithwood for purchasing a lot for their parsonage, looking forward to building soon.

Liberty for planning to build a parsonage.

Pleasant Hill for beautifying its interior by placing carpet on the entire church floor.

Seagrove for the splendid work it has done this year in clearing its parsonage of indebtedness, and voting not to ask aid from the Mission Board on pastor's salary.

There are some churches which we have not heard from which, perhaps, have made some improvements; if so we wish to commend them, also.

In our survey, we find a large field of service to be rendered in the way of building new churches and improvement of existing churches. Siler City, for instance has no Congregational Christian church, but has memebrs of the Congregational Christian denomination living in the city.

Therefore, we, your committee, recommend the following:

1. That pastors and delegates of this conference go back to their local churches with a desire in their hearts to arouse the members of their churches to support the home mission cause.

2. That pastors and laymen become interested in building up a sustaining fund for this great need by securing members for the C. M. A. through the local church.

3. That pastors and delegates go back home to their local churches with a desire in their hearts to stress the need of paying their conference apportionments in full, that the things written in this report may be seen to come to pass.

4. That the Home Mission Board pay $50.00 to Flint Hill (M.) on pastor's salary when the church has paid that amount; also that $50.00 be paid to Bennett Church when it too has paid $50.00 on pastor's salary.

JOHN Q. PUGH, *Chairman,*
ERNEST SCOTT,
MRS. QUINTON HICKS,
M. A. POLLARD.

NOTE.—An amendment to the report was adopted as follows:

5. That the conference go on record as favoring a survey, and if found advisable, to proceed to organize a new Congregational Christian church in Siler City, N. C. The Executive Committee and the Home Missions Committee are to be responsible for the survey and investigation, and for decision concerning beginning a new church in Siler City or elsewhere.

An offering was taken for this peticular situation in Siler City, amounting to $130.00.

The report on Church Grouping was read by Rev. L. M. Presnell in the absence of the chairman, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH GROUPING.

This committee has not had a meeting during the year. One was planned, but the chairman was severely burned, and the meeting could not be held as scheduled.

One of the greatest needs of our conference is the grouping of our churches into pastorates, the locating of a parsonage in the group, and the calling of a minister to serve the group and give each church not only the preaching ministry but pastoral service. Our conference never can advance to the place where it should be in Christian service until we do this kind of thing. Before it can be done, we will need a cooperative spirit on the part of our churches, ministers and the committee on grouping.

Last year several pastorates were reported as having been recently formed. We are delighted to report that good news comes to us from the Pleasant Ridge-Spoon's Chapel-Union Grove pastorate and the Ether-Seagrove-Shady Grove pastorate as to the success of the grouping idea.

High Point has gone on full time service and has called Rev. G. H. Veazey as pastor. This leaves Sophia and Flint Hill (R.) in need of a third church to form a group. Perhaps Bailey's Grove, Pleasant Cross, Pleasant Union, or some other near by church will join this pastorate.

The one request for aid which has come to the committee this year was from Mt. Pleasant Church, which was anxious to join with some other nearby churches in a pastorate. Unfortunately, the committee did not succeed in helping. It may be there will need to be inter-conference planning in regard to grouping of churches in areas where the conferences overlap.

We believe in the worth of the idea of church grouping. We believe that there should be a committee at work in this field. We urge churches unable to support a

full-time pastor to seriously consider joining with other nearby churches in the formation of a pastorate.

PAUL WILSON, *Chairman,*
A. L. DAVIS,
CHARLIE KEY,
W. R. LANIER,
L. M. PRESNELL,
J. H. REGISTER,
W. W. RITTER.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial and Church Relations was presented by Rev. Thomas D. Sutton. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

We, your committee, recommend the four recommendations which were made last year on Ministerial and Church Relations be continued for this coming year, which are as follows:

1. That no pastor follow the practice of visiting the members of a parish from which he has departed. When he does visit in a former pastorate, he should do so with the present pastor's full knowledge and approval.

2. That when a church asks for the services of a former pastor for special services, funerals, weddings, etc., the request be made through the present pastor if convenient, or with his knowledge and approval.

3. That pastors and churches be careful in carrying out all obligations, in both spiritual and business matters, so as not to bring reproach upon the church or ministry.

4. That local pastors and churches cooperate fully so far as it is possible in all efforts, enterprises and programs of the conference and of the Southern Convention.

And we would like to add one more recommendation to these four. It is as follows:

5. That the churches and pastors plan together on all new business and new plans for the church.

GEO. T. GUNTER, *Chairman,*
T. D. SUTTON,
C. B. BREWER,
MRS. B. D. HARGIS.

Laymen's Work was presented by S. H. Pell, chairman, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S WORK.

Never before in the history of our church, or of the world for that matter, has there been such a need for Christian laymen. Everywhere we turn, we need men to do this or that in order to promote God's Kingdom. We used to think that everything was to be done by the preacher, but all of us know today that it is too big a job for one person.

We, as laymen, must heed the call and lend a hand in God's work. The laymen's organization is growing every day, not only in the Western North Carolina Conference, but throughout the United States. Miss Helen Kenyon, as moderator of the General Council, reported: That more men showed an interest in church work during the past two years than in many years past; and that her most thrilling experience was the sight of young men in newer communities helping to build new churches.

I wish I knew how many laymen's groups we have in this conference. We have one group made up of three churches of our denomination, and a few from two neighboring churches, which meets once a month. Perhaps this could be a pattern for some of our smaller churches to follow, who feel that they do not have enough men in their church for a group by themselves.

We had one meeting this year, held jointly with the other conferences of the Southern Convention at Elon College. Some 600 laymen attended this meeting. Here,

we elected Mr. Geo. T. Gunter as our chairman for the ensuing year. Let's back him with our prayers and our cooperation, for a successful year in 1951.

S. H. PELL, *Chairman.*

The report on Women's Work was presented by Mrs. J. D. Gantt, in the absence of the chairman, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

During the past year, the women of our churches in North Carolina have united in the study of the Gospel of John, our missionary work in Japan, and how different denominations cooperate in our home land. Our giving amounted to $9,120.97, of which $1,656.59 was our Thankoffering which was given for equipment for the Han Mei School in Shaowu, China, and $490 was given for life memberships and memorials, which fund is being used to educate Timothy Chang of Shaowu, China, at Duke Divinity School.

The family institute and the school of missions, both held at Elon College, were well attended by women from this conference.

At the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference, held at the Liberty Vance Congregational Christian Church, near Henderson, in October, the societies from this conference were well represented. Three were recognized as superior societies—Sanford, Albemarle and Asheboro. Among the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference we have 22 missionary societies, fifteen in the Asheboro district and seven in the Sanford district. During the past year three new societies for women were organized—Pleasant Cross, Sophia and Union Grove—in the Asheboro district.

Our theme for the coming year is "Thy Will to Do." We will study "The Superiority of the Christian Religion," as found in the Book of Hebrews; missionary work in the Near East, and "Toward a Christian Community."

Our Thankoffering will be used to pay for the repairing and renovating of the Whitley Memorial Auditorium at Elon College.

As our theme, "Thy Will to Do," suggests, we as Women of the North Carolina Woman's Conference are anxious to let the mind of the Master be the master of our minds, and then go out this year and *do his will.*

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALTER HALL, *Supt.,*
Asheboro District.

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform was presented by the chairman, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world," and "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father . . . "

We believe that these words are directed at the church today just as to that small group nearly two thousand years ago.

We also believe that the lay- men and women of the church are no more free to hide their lights under a bushel than are the ministers and teachers. Teaching and preaching by words alone are not enough: our lives must show forth light, or our words are as "salt without savour."

With this belief in the teachings of Christ, we, your committee, recommend:

1. That we, individually and as a group, keep ourselves constantly reminded of our obligation to our fellowmen, to ourselves and to God.
2. That we pray much for needed wisdom, courage and strength to do our share of the work of the Kingdom.
3. That we continue to cooperate with any and all groups which are striving to bring about a truly higher standard of living.
4. That we be ever alert to the spiritual needs of the world, and quick to seize any opportunity to serve more fully in filling these needs.

MRS. B. P. MOFFITT, *Chairman,*
B. H. LOWDERMILK,
THOMAS B. LOWE,
W. C. THOMAS,

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. W. Walter Hall, in the absence of the chairman, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Present world conditions make Foreign Missions difficult and exciting. Most of our missionaries have left or will soon leave China, where we have done an important service since 1830. The Philippine Islands are in the midst of upheaval. India is just assuming responsibility for its own government and is becoming conscious of its own nationality. So with other parts of the world in which we have sought to establish the Christian Church.

This may be the time for the church to really move forward in its missionary program. People are everywhere trying to discover new life, new ways of doing things. This gives the church an opportunity to present Christian ideals.

Your committee would suggest two ways in which we of this conference may advance:

1. *In Education.* We need to know what is happening in our mission field. Why are the missionaries leaving China? What will be left to represent our years of service there? What are the problems we face in West Africa, South and East Africa? How can we keep contact with Christians in Czechoslovakia and Spain? What is the American Board doing at this time and what are its plans for the future? Why are our missionaries returning home in larger numbers than they are going to the fields? These are questions that need to be answered in the minds of all our church members. This calls for a forward movement in *Missionary Education.*

2. *Increased Giving.* A year ago the American Board reported a deficit of $110,000.00. During that year, eleven of our thirty-eight churches gave nothing for our Foreign Missionary enterprise. The remaining twenty-seven gave $1,324.00. The churches reported 4,128 church members and 3,202 Sunday school members. This means that approximately 5,000 people were available to give for Foreign Missions, and that on the average they contributed 25c per year, or one-half cent per week. These figures indicate that in our conference we need to move forward in *contributing* for the world-wide program of the church.

Your committee suggests that during the coming year we seek to have missionaries speak in our churches; get our people to reading *The Christian Sun* and *The Missionary Herald,* as well as missionary books and pamphlets. We further suggest that each church plan for larger giving to the Foreign Missionary enterprise.

MRS. ORVA BROWN, *Chairman,*
E. A. COX,
MRS. HORACE FARLOW,
W. W. HALL,
W. G. LAMB.

A motion was adopted to meet thirty minutes earlier for the afternoon session so as to give the C. M. A. more time for its meeting.

As a devotional service Dr. Douglas Horton spoke on "The General Council," closing with prayer and grace for the table.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 1:15. Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk led the prayer.

The C. M. A. was then given time for its meeting:

MEETING OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Christian Missionary Association met on recess of conference. Vice-President W. W. Hall called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved.

The former treasurer, E. Carl Brady, reported that he had a balance of $69.95 on hand which had not been turned over to the new treasurer, Jack Shoffner.

Due to the absence of the treasurer, the association was unable to ascertain the amount in the treasury.

W. H. Freeman made a motion that the dues of men, women and organizations be $5.00, and that those of children be $2.00. The motion was discussed and carried.

Motion made and carried that the officers of the C. M. A. work with the Home Mission and Executive Committees of the conference looking toward the organization of a church in Siler City or any other community.

Promises already made to Sophia and Flint Hill (R) churches were referred to the Executive Committee for disposition.

Motion made and carried that the present officers be re-elected for another year. The officers are as follows: Rev. M. A. Pollard, president; Rev. W. W. Hall, vice-president; Rev. E. Carl Brady, secretary, and Jack Shoffner, treasurer.

The C. M. A. adjourned until the next session of the annual conference.

At the conclusion of the C. M. A. meeting, the conference was again called into session by President Lester.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by Rev. M. A. Pollard, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference were held on November 21, 1949, August 14, 1950, and September 14, 1950. Business transacted by the committee included:

1. Separation of the Committee on Education and the Ministry into two committees, namely, "Committee on the Ministry" and "Committee on Christian Education."

2. To allow any committee of conference to receive up to $5.00 on expenses connected with committee work.

3. Payment of Long and Long, lawyers, for the remainder due them in connection with the Pleasant Cross court case.

4. Approved the Elon College Sustaining Fund Committee as set up by the Southern Convention, and authorized it to work under suggested program.

5. Granted a letter of transfer to Rev. C. C. Thomas to the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

6. Consideration of the Big Oak situation, which finally resulted in the following agreement signed by the Executive Committee of this conference, the Executive Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, and Revs. George M. Tally, R. Eugene Tally, and W. C. Farrell. The matter was settled through a consent judgment, which is on record in Moore County Court House at Carthage, N. C.

7. That it be recommended to conference that the official name of the conference be changed from the "Western North Carolina Christian Conference" to the "Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches."

F. C. LESTER, *President,*
M. A. POLLARD, *Secretary,*
CYRUS SHOFFNER,
W. H. FREEMAN,
GEORGE T. GUNTER,
W. WALTER HALL,
MRS. R. R. AUMAN.

NOTE.—Submitted herewith is an official copy, signed by all parties concerned in the legal cases and the pastors involved, of

"THE PLAN OF RECONCILIATION."

We subscribe to the *Five Cardinal Principles of the Christian Church*—(1) The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church; (2) Christian is a sufficient name for the Church; (3) The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice; (4) Christian Character is a sufficient test of fellowship, and of church membership; (5) The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and a privilege that should be accorded to and exercised by all.

We believe the condition existing between Brothers George M. Talley, R. Eugent Tally and W. C. Farrell, and brethren within the Congregational Christian fellowship and conference grieves our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and through the resulting disunity brings sorrow and reflection upon the Church which we love.

We believe Christian brethren who love the Lord and his Church ought to find in the Cardinal Principles of our Church a basis of Christian understanding and cooperation which can exceed the habits of a sinful and warring world.

On the part of the Executive Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, they agree to seek to bring about reconciliation and fellowship between Brothers Tally and Farrell and the brethren of the conferences by offering, with the consent of the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference, to recommend to the Committee on the Ministry and through it to the Eastern North Carolina Conference that it recognize the Christian Church ordination of Brother George M. Tally and receive him into full standing of the Eastern North Carolina Conference at its 1950 session; that the former Western North Carolina Conference licensures of Brothers R. Eugen Tally and W. C. Farrell be recognized and that they be given conference ordination by the Eastern North Carolina Conferenceat its 1950 session and be received into its fellowship.

On the part of George M. Tally, R. Eugene Tally and W. C. Farrell, they agree to be governed by the Principles and Government of the Eastern North Carolina Conference and the Southern Convention, and to work in the spirit of Christian brotherhood for the growth and prosperity of the cause of Jesus Christ, our Lord, through the Congregational Christian churches, boards, institutions and agencies of the church. Where and when they do not understand the spirit and work of the conference institutions and their brethren, they will in brotherly conferences seek to understand and cooperate. They will further seek to arrange conferences between officers of the churches served by them and the officers of the conference of which the particular church is a member, that full understanding and cooperation may result.

On the part of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, they will encourage forgiveness and charity where there may be feeling of wrong done. We acknowledge that all of us stand in the need of forgiveness from our Lord, whose forgiveness and spirit can make us what we ought to be.

On its part, the Eastern North Carolina Conference will request the Western North Carolina Conference to recognize these brethren as pastors in churches they serve in the Western North Carolina Conference.

In love, charity and forgiveness, we subscribe to these principles of reconciliation, and pledge ourselves through the help of Christ, our Savious, to give us strength to fulfill the spirit of these agreements.

/s/GEORGE M. TALLY.
/s/W. C. FARRELL.
/s/R. EUGENE TALLY,

/s/R. T. GRISSOM, *President,*
/s/E. M. CARTER, *Secretary,*
/s/T. FRED WRIGHT,
/s/J. FRANK APPLE,
Executive Committee,
Eastern N. C. Conference.

September 9, 1950.

Approved by:

/s/F. C. LESTER, *President,*
/s/M. A. POLLARD, *Secretary,*
/s/MRS. R. R. AUMAN,
/s/W. W. HALL,
/s/W. H. FREEMAN,
/s/CYRUS SHOFFNER,
Executive Committee,
Western N. C. Conference.

September 18, 1950.

A motion was adopted authorizing the Executive Committee to have the corporate name of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference changed to The Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, as the official name of the conference.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionment was presented by the chairman, Rev. W. T. Madren, and adopted. Following are the Apportionments for the ensuing year:

SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1950-51.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	The Christian Sun	Totals
Albemarle	$ 100	$ 100	$ 75	$ 75	$ 20	$ 20	$ 60	$ 5	$ 25	$ 20	$ 10	$ 510
Antioch (C)	25	25	20	25	10	10	25	5	10	10	5	170
Antioch (R)	25	25	10	10	10	5	10	5	5	5	5	115
Asheboro	100	125	50	50	20	20	30	5	10	20	10	440
Bailey's Grove	15	15	15	15	10	10	15	5	5	10	5	120
Bennett	15	15	15	15	10	10	15	5	5	10	5	120
Big Oak	50	50	40	40	20	20	35	5	10	25	5	300
Biscoe	40	40	30	30	10	10	20	5	5	10	5	205
Brown's Chapel	40	40	20	20	10	10	40	5	20	15	5	225
Center Grove	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	55
Ether	45	45	40	25	10	10	40	5	5	20	5	250
Flint Hill (M)	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	10	5	155
Flint Hill (R)	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	10	5	155
Grace's Chapel	60	60	50	50	20	20	40	5	20	35	5	365
Hank's Chapel	110	110	60	60	20	20	40	5	20	25	10	480
High Point	40	40	30	30	10	10	30	5	10	20	5	230
Liberty	50	50	30	35	10	10	30	5	10	20	10	260
Mt. Pleasant	30	30	25	25	10	10	30	5	5	15	10	195
Needham's Grove	35	35	20	20	10	10	30	5	10	20	10	205
New Center	30	30	20	25	10	10	25	5	10	20	10	195
Parks Cross Roads	30	30	20	20	10	10	25	5	20	20	5	195
Patterson's Grove	10	10	10	10	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	80
Pleasant Cross	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	5	5	10	10	165
Pleasant Grove	50	50	35	35	20	20	30	5	30	25	10	310
Pleasant Hill	125	125	75	75	35	40	70	5	25	50	10	635
Pleasant Ridge	120	120	65	65	20	20	60	5	15	65	10	565
Pleasant Union	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	5	5	20	10	175
Providence Chapel	15	15	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	80
Ramseur	100	100	60	60	20	20	40	5	15	30	10	460
Randleman	50	50	35	35	10	10	25	5	5	25	10	260
Seagrove	40	40	40	40	20	20	40	5	10	25	10	290
Shady Grove	25	25	20	20	5	5	20	5	10	5	5	145
Shiloh	40	40	35	35	10	10	25	5	10	20	5	235
Smithwood	50	50	45	40	10	10	40	5	20	25	10	305
Sophia	25	25	20	20	20	10	30	5	5	25	10	195
Spoon's Chapel	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	15	5	160
Union Grove	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	5	10	25	5	180
Zion	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	5	15	15	5	175
Totals	$1,670	$1,695	$1,160	$1,160	$ 485	$ 475	$1,100	$ 190	$ 415	$ 735	$ 275	$9,360

The report of the Treasurer was presented by W. H. Freeman, and was tabled pending the report of the Committee on Finance. It was as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

From Cyrus Shoffner, former treasurer, Nov. 10, 1949	$ 665.41
For Expense Money, Delegeate to General Council, special offering from churches	35.41
Conference Stewardship Institute Funds, from F. C. Lester	15.00
Collected from Churches to date	537.00
Total Receipts	$1,252.82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rev. Raymond Dudley, conference speaker	$ 15.00	
Christian Orphanage, conference offering	70.00	
N. C. Council of Churches	75.00	
Rev. Aubrey C. Hedrick, conference speaker	10.00	
Cyrus Shoffner, salary	10.00	
Mrs. F. C. Lester, salary	35.00	
Seagrove Christian Church, for parsonage	100.00	
Rev. John Q. Pugh, on salary, Bennett Church	50.00	
Board of Publications, programs	7.70	
Long & Long, balance on legal service	175.00	
Christian Film Service, by order Exec. Committee	27.50	
Rev. W. T. Madren, evangelistic campaign expense	5.00	
Rev. W. W. Hall, evangelistic campaign expense	9.00	
George D. Colclough, Treasurer, for ANNUALS	151.00	
Dr. F. C. Lester, expense to General Council	17.71	
S. H. Pell, expense to General Council	17.70	
Rev. Thos. L. Moore, attendance stewardship institute	10.00	
Dr. J. G. Truitt, attendance stewardship institute	5.00	
Rev. W. T. Madren, postage	3.75	
Christian Film Service, stewardship film	10.50	
		804.86
Balance on hand		$ 447.96
Special Offering for New Church, possibly Siler City		130.00
Total Balance		$ 577.96

W. H. FREEMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Elon College Sustaining Fund was presented by Rev. Clyde Fields, committee chairman, as follows:

REPORT ON ELON COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND.

Our world has become more and more educationally conscious. More young people are seeking higher education than ever before, due to the demand for college-trained persons in positions of importance. Colleges must increase in efficiency if they are to meet the challenge before them. State owned institutions are building new buildings, increasing the faculty in numbers and in salary, and offering a varied curriculum to meet student requests for specialized courses. The citizens of the state are taxed to meet the cost of this expansion. Tax money is used to keep the tuition low. As is true in other "pies" the state or federal governments have their hands in, it is also true in education. Because of this, the teaching of the Bible and religious courses is ignored or held to a minimum.

Our Southern Convention owns a college, Elon College. It is ours to cherish, to pray for and to support. We want our college to meet the challenge for more and better education on the part of the youth of our churches. Our college needs new buildings, has increased its faculty's salary and numbers, offers a varied curriculum, which makes it a member of the standard college in rank. Credits from Elon are recognized anywhere. Our college also offers tuition as low as possible. In fact, the tuition only pays a small part of the cost to the college for a student for a semester. At Elon. we feel that education is only partially complete without a knowledge of the Bible and Christian living. We do not have any state or federal limitations on teaching the Word of God. Each student must take one year of Bible before receiving a college degree at Elon.

At the recent meeting of the Southern Convention, it was voted to set up the Elon College Sustaining Fund to help Elon to meet the challenge of the day. The plan is to give each member of our churches an opportunity to invest a dollar or more in our college. Conference committees are set up in each conference to help to get the matter before the people. The undersigned is a member of our own Western Conference Elon Sustaining Fund Committee. Each pastor has material describing the need and information concerning the work of our college. We are asking that

you read the folder given you, decide if the cause is worthy of your support, then take the envelope given you and place a gift in it for the college. Turn it in to your local church treasurer, so that your church gets credit for its help.

Let us take this matter seriously. Let us invest some of our money in giving to the youth of our conference the privilege of securing a college education with the Christian emphasis.

CLYDE FIELDS, *Chairman.*

Motion was adopted to send greetings of conference to Dr. L. E. Smith, who was ill, by Dr. William Moseley Brown.

Report on Nominations was presented. A motion was adopted that the following officers be re-elected for 1950-51:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

President—Dr. F. C. Lester.
Vice-President—Mr. Cyrus Shoffner.
Secretary—Rev. M. A. Pollard.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Harry Stewart.
Treasurer—Mr. W. H. Freeman.
Chairman of Laymen's Work—Mr. S. H. Pell.
Representatives on the N. C. Council of Churches—
Rev. W. T. Madren, Mr. Cyrus Shoffner.
Representatives on the Southern Convention Board—
Dr. F. C. Lester, Mr. George T. Gunter.

CLYDE FIELDS,
MRS. RUFUS LAWRENCE,
JOHN REGISTER.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented by Max Vestal, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

1. The records of the treasurer appear to be correct.
2. We recommend that the following items be paid: (1) $75.00 for the North Carolina Council of Churches; (2) $10.00 to the treasurer for salary and expense; (3) $35.00 to the secretary for salary and expense; (4) $15.00 to the president for postage and program booklets; (5) $10.00 to Dr. Douglas Horton for expense.
3. We recommend that the treasurer be authorized to pay $50 to Bennett Church and $50.00 to Flint Hill (M.) Church when the churches have paid that much on salary, as recommended by the Committee on Home Missions.
4. We recommend that the treasurer be instructed to pay the Board of Publications for the ANNUALS for this conference.

CHAS. G. CHEEK, *Chairman,*
MRS. I. L. MCDOWELL,
MAX VESTAL,
WINFRED BRAY,
A. L. LUCAS.

The report of the Treasurer was adopted.

The Committee on Place, Rev. H. V. Cox, chairman, reported that no church had asked for conference for the coming year. A motion was adopted that the Executive Committee select a place.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Rev. T. D. Sutton, chairman, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

1. That we extend our sincere appreciation to the pastor and people of the Pleasant Grove Church for the gracious manner in which they have entertained the

eightieth annual session of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference, for the delicious free meals which have been served, and for their hospitality in enterttining delegates in their homes.

2. That we express our appreciation to the Program Committee for providing the order of business and the speaker for this conference.

3. That we extend thanks to Rev. M. W. Stevens for the challenging message he sent us, and to Dr. Ross Sanderson and Dr. Douglas Horton for their challenging and enlightening messages brought us.

4. That we as delegates of this conference go back to our home churches and do our best to help make this, our "Mid-Century Advance" a reality.

T. D. SUTTON,
LUNNIE BURGESS.

A motion was adopted that the conference pay the expenses of its president to the meeting of the General Council.

Motion was adopted to have the official minutes of conference printed in THE ANNUAL and to secure 150 copies for distribution to the churches.

By vote, the conference secretary was instructed to write to each of the ministers who were unable to attend conference: Revs. G. O. Lankford, Park W. Fisher and B. J. Earp.

The closing devotional service was by Dr. Douglas Horton, who closed the final session with prayer.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday and Thursday after the first Sunday in November, 1951, as decided by the Evecutive Committee.

F. C. LESTER, *President,*
M. A. POLLARD, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—F. C. Lester, Chairman, M. A. Pollard, W. H. Freeman, Cyrus Shoffner, Mrs. R. R. Auman, Mrs. I. L. McDowell, Bill Simmons.

Home Missions—W. W. Hall, Chairman, Ernest Scott, Mrs. Quinton Hicks, M. A. Pollard (C. M. A. President).

Foreign Missions—Mrs. E. P. Boroughs, Chairman, Mrs. Horace Farlow, Mrs. W. W. Hall, W. G. Lamb, Winfred Bray.

Evangelism—Clyde Fields, Chairman, Mrs. C. S. Allred, Mrs. Sherman Maness, J. C. Phillips, Ralph Riddle.

Stewardship and Apportionments—T. D. Sutton, Chairman, Vaughan Allen, Sarah Ellison, Arlon Coble, E. M. Marks.

Ministry—E. C. Brady, Chairman, H. V. Cox, A. L. Lucas, W. T. Madren, G. H. Veazey.

Christian Education—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Chairman, C. Fred Allred, Flossie Bray, Stacey Hayes, Mrs. W. T. Shankle.

Religious Literature—Mrs. Jack Shoffner, Chairman, Mrs. Fred Allen, Homer Cochrane, Max Vestal.

Superannuation—L. V. Dorsett, Chairman, J. U. Fogleman, J. Q. Pugh, E. K. Freeman.

Ministerial and Church Relations—J. A. Denton, Chairman, C. B. Brewer, Rex P. Overman, H. L. Beane.

Moral Reform—Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, Chairman, T. B. Lowe, B. H. Lowdermilk, W. C. Thomas.

Church Grouping—L. M. Presnell, Chairman, Lunnie Burgess, Charlie Key, J. H. Register, W. W. Ritter, Paul Wilson, David Chriscoe.

Elon College Sustaining Fund—Clyde Fields, Chairman, Cyrus Shoffner, W. T. Madren, Ralph Riddle, Mrs. Orva Brown, Mrs. Jack Shoffner, L. M. Presnell, George T. Gunter.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

C. Fred Allred—Churches: Hank's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Biscoe, Needham's Grove. Sermons, 109; conversions, 51; members received, 57; baptisms, 46. Salary, $1,630. Field for next year: Pleasant Grove and Needham's Grove.

E. Carl Brady—Churches: Flint Hill (M.), Pleasant Cross, Niagara. Sermons, 60; conversions, 4; members received, 4; baptisms, 4. Field for next year: Flint Hill (M.), Pleasant Cross, Niagara.

H. V. Cox—Churches: Brown's Chapel, New Center. Sermons, 48; conversions, several; members received, 14; baptisms, 13. Salary, $611.59. Field for next year: Brown's Chapel, New Center.

Ben Joe Earp—Retired. (since, deceased.)

Martin L. Fogleman (Conference Ordination, 1950)—Churches: Morrisville, O'Kelly's Chapel, Martha's Chapel (in E. N. C. Conference). Sermons, 56; conversions, 3; members received, 7. Salary, $659. Field for next year same as above.

J. U. Fogleman—Church, Providence Chapel. Sermons, 30; conversions, 8; members received, 5; baptisms, 6. Salary, $329.00. Field for next year same.

Clyde Fields—Churches: Pleasant Ridge, Spoon's Chapel, Union Grove. Sermons, 104; conversions, 33; members received, 34; baptisms, 25. Salary, $1,896.00. Field for next year same.

Park W. Fisher—Served Providence Chapel few months, and Mt. Pleasant for year. Sermons, 19; conversions, none. Salary, $172. Retired.

T. J. Green—Retired.

W. Walter Hall—Church, Albemarle. Sermons, 110; conversions, 12; members received, none; baptisms, 21. Salary, $2,600.00. Field next year, Albemarle.

F. C. Lester—Church, Asheboro. Sermons, 70; members received, 2. Salary, $4,150. Field for next year, Asheboro.

A. L. Lucas—Churches, none. Sermons preached, 35; conversions, 7; baptisms, 4.

B. H. Lowdermilk—Churches: Randleman, Pleasant Union, Bailey's Grove. Sermons, 211; conversions, 26; memebrs received, 4; baptisms, 1. Salary, $1,097.51. Field next year, same.

G. O. Lankford—Retired.

W. T. Madren—Churches: High Point, Sophia, Flint Hill (R.). Sermons, 160; conversions, 9; members received, 8; baptisms, 5. Field for next year, Sophia and Flint Hill (R.).

D. R. Moffit—Retired.

M. A. Pollard—Church, Pleasant Hill. Sermons, 72; conversions, 6; members received, 9; baptisms, 6. Salary, $2,250.00 Field next year, Pleasant Hill.

J. G. Pugh—Church, Bennett. Sermons, 26. Salary, $101.28. Field next year, same.

L. M. Presnell—Churches: Liberty, Smithwood. Sermons, 73; conversions, 14; members received, 12; baptisms, 11. Salary, $1,670.00. Field next year, Liberty.

T. D. Sutton—Churches: Ether, Seagrove, Shady Grove. Sermons, 143; conversions, 43; members received, 28; baptisms, 18. Salary, $2,400.00.

LICENTIATE.

Lunnie W. Burgess—Church, Ramseur. Licensed at 1950 session of conference.

BIBLICAL CLASS.

Max B. Vestal—Sermons preached, 25. Student at Elon College.

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SHALLOW FORD CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ELON COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 14 AND 15. 1950

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TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Shallow Ford Church, Elon College, N. C., November 14 and 15, 1950, and was called to order by the president, Dr. S. C. Harrell, at 10 a. m.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. James R. Hailey, pastor of the host church.

The roll of Ministers and Churches was called and a quorum was found present. The complete enrollment for the session included twenty-one ministers and one hundred five delegates representing thirty-seven of the forty-seven churches of the conference, as follows:

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, D. J. Bowden, T. F. Bowers, G. C. Crutchfield, S. C. Harrell, T. G. Humphries, A. L. Hurdle, C. E. Newman, K. D. Register, F. E Reynolds, W. W. Sloan, W. P. Smith, W. W. Snyder, M. T. Sorrell, Mary Frances Thelen, G H. Veazey, M. V. Welch, W. E. Wisseman, R. T. Woodruff, James R. Hailey.

Licentiates—Bland A. Leebrick.

Local Conference Ordination—Percy H. Ricketts, J. R. Lackey.

Biblical Class—Rosser Lee Clapp, M. C. Moricle, Alfred W. Matthews.

Ministers of Other Denominations Serving in Conference—Harold Loman.

Churches and Delegates.

Apple's Chapel—Mrs. J. W. Payne, Jason R. Lowe, Mrs. R. M. Cook, Mrs. V. L. Ingold.

Asheville—Not represented.

Belew Creek—Mrs. T. R. Preston, Mrs. H. C. Murray, Mrs. A. L. Hurdle.

Berea—Mrs. Dan Ireland, Mrs Howard Gerringer, Mary Jones.

Bethel—Mrs. T. P. Miles, Mrs. G. M. Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. King.

Bethlehem—Jamima Sutton, Mrs. Carl Gilliams, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brown.

Burlington—Mr. and Mrs. Garland T. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Simpson, Sadie V. Fonville, D. R. Fonville.

Carolina—Mrs. Nellie Hall, Mrs. K. T. Mury.

Concord—J. T. Allred, Mrs. Sam Travis.

Danville—Mrs. A. E. Rice, Mrs. H. W. Fowler, Mrs. D. N. Marshall.

Durham—Dr. W. H. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Estes, Mrs. S. L. Mauldin.

Elk Spur—Not represented.

Elon College—Mrs. M. D. Joye, Anne Watson.

Gibsonville—Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Wyrick.

Graham Providence Memorial—Not represented.

Greensboro, First—Mrs. W. B. Truitt, Mrs. Norman Hilliard, Effie Lowe, M. T. Garren.

Greensboro, Palm Street—Mack Fulk, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. Mack Welch, Mrs. A. H. Henshaw.

Happy Home—Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ellington, Mrs. William Ward.

Haw River—Mrs. Ben Pearson, Mrs. J. C. Wilkins.

Hebron—Not represented.

Hines Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kellam, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Lowe, Mrs. J. W. Isley, O. W. Hines.

Hopedale—Mrs. John Long, Mrs. B. F. Blanchard, Mrs. Otis Corey.

Howard's Chapel—Not represented.

Ingram—G. I. Satterfield, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Carlton, Mrs. Laura Osborne.

Ivy Hill—Not represented.

Kallam's Grove—Mrs. Ralph McCollum, Mrs. M. M. Joyner.

Lebanon—Not represented.

Liberty—Mrs. John F. Tuck, Jr., Mrs. Younger A. Bray.

Long's Chapel—R. W. Barnette, W. J. Fonville, Jr.

Lynchburg—Mrs. C. L. Grossman, J. W. Tolley.

Mebane—Della W. Fowler, Lillie D. Fowler.

Monticello—Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Smith.

Mt. Bethel—Mrs. J. F. Barker, I. F. Cummings.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. W. C. Riley, Zeb H. Lynch, Gettis Carden.

New Lebanon—Not represented.

Pfafftown—Mrs. A. H. Hill, Abigail Stout.

Pleasant Grove—Not represented.

Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Kermit Robinson, Mrs. W. C. Nelson.

Reidsville—Mrs. J. B. Underwood, Mrs. John Briggs, Mrs. Edd. Chilton, Mrs. John Dockery.

Rocky Ford—Not represented.

Salem Chapel.—Not represented.

Shallow Ford—W. L. Lowe, Boyd Tickell, C. J. Truitt, Sam Barber.

Tryon, Erskin Memorial—Not represented.

Union (N. C.)—J. Robert Walker, Mrs. R. W. Rainey, David Barker, Mrs. William McCauley.

Union (Va.)—G. W. Pollard, Wilma Tuck, Arnold Dunkley, Mrs. Allie Glascock.

Winston-Salem—Mrs. W. R. Hayes, Jr., Mrs. George Clancy, Helen Jackson.

Zion—Not represented.

Rev. W. J. Andes presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as conference may find it necessary to make.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, approved the payment of $25 to Dr. H. Shelton Smith for addresses given at the last session of conference.

We voted to pay the expenses of the Committee on Evangelism for the "Flying Squadron Evangelism Institutes."

We nominated Rev. H. E. Robinson to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. L. Neese on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention. Mr. Robinson was elected to the Executive Board. Mr. Neese resigned because of ill-health.

We approved the Elon College Sustaining Fund, and the following committee was appointed to represent our conference: J. H. Rountree, W. J. Andes, Mrs. M. W. Andes, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, H. E. Robinson, John Robert Walker, Clyde L. Walker, M. T. Sorrell, T. F. Bowers, T. G. Humphries, S. C. Harrell, G. D. Colclough, C. W. Gordon, Mrs. O. H. Paris.

We, on the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, approved the full ordination of Carl Wallace and James R. Hailey, and the Conference Ordination of John Lackey. The service of ordination took place on July 23, 1950, at the Palm Street Church, Greensboro.

Rev. Carl Wallace was granted a letter of transfer to the Eastern North Carolina Conference on September 22, 1950.

We approved and recommended the election of the following delegates to represent the North Carolina and Virginia Conference in the sessions of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches held at Cleveland, Ohio, June 22 to 26, 1950: M. W. Andes, Horace Lee, P. H. Ricketts, H. E. Robinson, W. W. Sloan, J. Robert Walker, W. E. Wisseman, R. T. Woodruff, Jr., T. F. Bowers, S. C. Harrell. This action was taken on May 25, 1950.

We approved the request of the Conference Missionary Association for $300.00 from our Conference Fund and authorized our Conference Treasurer to forward a check for the same to the treasurer of the C. M. A., so that the new needs of building and assistance to churches could be met. This action was taken on November 6, 1950.

We authorized our Conference Treasurer to send a check for $25 to Dr. C. E. Newman, who had returned the check for $50 sent him by the last conference.

We recommend that the charter of the conference be changed so that the name of the conference will be the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

The Congregational Christian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, has become discouraged about the prospects for its development and dissatisfied over its denominational relationships. A majority of the membership of the church voted to become a Methodist Church. They appealed to the president of the conference to bring their request to the attention of the Executive Committee of the conference, and asked the Executive Committee to approve the transfer of the church, together with the church property to the Methodist connection, stating that the Methodist Conference had agreed to reimburse the Mission Board of the Southern Convention for its investment in the Lynchburg Church.

Supt. Scott, Dr. F. C. Lester, as chairman of the Mission Board, and the president of the conference met with a committee favoring the proposed transfer. It was agreed that a poll be taken of the entire membership relative to the proposal. It has been

reported that 78 ballots were returned: 68 voting for the proposal and 10 voting for the continuance of the church as a member of this conference.

The Mission Board considered this proposal in its session at Suffolk, Virginia, on October 25, 1950, and voted: That the Mission Board go on record as favoring the continuance of the church in Lynchburg as a Congregational Christian Church. Voted: That a committee consisting of Drs. Scott, Lester and S. C. Harrell, be appointed to represent the interests of the Board and Denomination in Lynchburg and that they be empowered to secure legal advice when and if needed.

We, the Executive Committee of this conference, recommend that this conference concur in and support the position of the minority of the Lynchburg Church and take such steps as may be necessary to protect the conference interests in Lynchburg.

The following is a certified copy of Resolution of Executive Committee of North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference:

> This is to certify that on this the 30th day of October, 1950, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the above named conference was held at Elon College, North Carolina, with all of the members of the committee present, to-wit, Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Rev. Thurman Bowers and Rev. W. J. Andes.
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> The following resolution was introduced by Rev. Thurman Bowers, was duly seconded and was unanimously passed, to-wit:
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> RESOLVED, That the committee hereby authorizes and approves the borrowing of Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars by Palm Street Christian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, in order for it to pay certain obligations incurred in erection of new buildings, and as Gate City Savings and Loan Association has agreed to lend said sum upon note secured by conveyance or deed of trust upon certain property of the church hereinafter described;
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> RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the officers of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, to-wit, Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, president, and Rev. W. J. Andes, secretary, be and are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute note for Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars, payable in monthly installments in such amount as may be agreeable to said association, and to execute and deliver deed of trust to Norman A. Boren, Trustee, conveying as security to such note the following described lots owned by this conference and used by said Palm Street Christian Church, to-wit:
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> > All of Lots Nos, Ten, Eleven and Nineteen (10, 11 and 19) in the W. D. McAdoo Subdivision near Revolution and White Oak Mills in the city of Greensboro, N. C., said lots being shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 2, at page 64, office of Register of Deeds of Guilford County, N. C., and described in deeds recorded in Book 172, at pages 121 and 122, and Book 1249, at page 278, said Register's office;
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> And said officers and members of the Palm Street Christian Church are authorized to execute note and deed of trust in such form as said association shall require, and said association is authorized to make check payable for the proceeds of said loan to Mack Fulk, treasurer of Building Fund, Palm Street Christian Church, and deliver such check to him; and said officers and members are further authorized and empowered to do any and everything necessary to consummate said loan.
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> S. C. HARRELL,
> T. F. BOWERS,
> W. J. ANDES,
> *Committee.*

It was moved and carried that the report of the Executive Committee be adopted, except that part of the report which dealt with the Lynchburg Church situation, and that item was made a special order for 10:45 a. m., Wednesday, November 15.

The following visitors and new pastors were introduced to the conference and accorded the privileges of the floor: Dr. Douglas Horton, Dr. Ross Sanderson, Dr. Wm. Moseley Brown, Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. Robert Lee House, Rev. H. P. Bozarth, Rev. H. E. Robinson, Mrs. Jo Williams,

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. F. C. Lester, Rev. W. T. Madren, Dr. G. O. Lankford, Rev. Clyde Fields.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was presented as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury from last report			$1,568.67
	Receipts.		
1949			
Nov. 15	Long's Chapel	$ 25.00	
	New Lebanon	34.00	
	Pleasant Ridge	20.00	
18	Lynchburg	25.00	
	Ingram	46.00	
	Carolina	20.00	
	Elon Community	77.00	
	Union, Virginia	33.00	
	Bethel	12.00	
	Hebron	22.00	
	Mt. Zion	23.00	
	Hines Chapel	25.00	
	Concord	23.00	
	Offering from Conference	42.66	
Dec. 2	Hopedale	20.00	
	Mebane	14.00	
1950			
Jan. 27	Reidsville	55.00	
	Elk Spur	12.00	
	Lebanon	22.00	
	Kallam Grove	14.00	
Sept. 11	Winston-Salem	32.00	
Oct. 2	Carolina	13.00	
13	Greensboro, First	86.00	
17	Pleasant Ridge	20.00	
Nov. 6	Belew Creek	14.00	
	New Lebanon	22.00	
	Pleasant Grove	18.00	
7	Shallow Ford	18.00	
	Haw River	33.00	
8	Liberty, Virginia	15.00	
	Kallam Grove	20.00	
10	Burlington	135.00	
13	Long's Chapel	16.00	
			$1,006.66
Total Receipts and Balance			$2,575.33
	Disbursements		
Dec. 4	Draft No. 217—So. Convention, Conf. Report Blanks	7.70	
	Draft No. 218—W. J. Andes, Services and Expenses	60.00	
	Draft No. 219—N. C. Council of Churches, Support	300.00	
	Draft No. 220—Va. Council of Churches, Support	75.00	
	Draft No. 221—Abigail Stout. Youth Fellowship	100.00	
	Draft No. 222—G. D. Colclough, Ministerial Loan Fund	500.00	
	Draft No. 223—C. E. Newman, services as Historian	25.00	
	Draft No. 224—H. J. Lee, Laymen's Fellowship	50.00	
	Draft No. 225—Mrs. J. K. Landrum, Elon Choir Supper	24.00	
6	Draft No. 226 Elon College, Choir Travel Expenses	63.21	
1950			
Jan. 13	Draft No. 227—Dr. H. S. Smith, Gratuity	25.00	
28	Draft No. 228—Thurman Bowers, Evangelism Comm.	50.00	

Mar. 11	Draft No. 229—J. B. Allen, Travel Expenses	6.25	
	Draft No. 230—Kenneth Register, Travel Expenses ..	12.50	
	Draft No. 231—Thurman Bowers, Evangelism Tour ..	52.00	
	Draft N. 232—Lawrence Leonard—Evangelism Expense	50.00	
May 20	Draft No. 233—Board of Publications, ANNUALS	201.85	
Nov. 10	Draft No. 234—M. V. Welch, Treas., C. M. A.	300.00	
	Bank Exchange Charges	.30	
			$1,902.81
	Balance on Deposit (Security National Bank)		$ 672.52
	Cash on Hand (received too late to deposit), Berea		22.00
	Total Balance		$ 694.52

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL V. POWELL, *Treasurer.*

The report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following Special Committees were appointed:

Finance—Committee on Budget and Apportionments.

Place—Rev. A. L. Hurdle, Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.

Resolutions—Rev. W. P. Smith, Mrs. W. T. Scott, Miss Jamima Sutton.

Press—Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. T. G. Humphries, Rev. H. E. Robinson, Dr. R. L. House.

Collector—Mrs. Jo Williams.

Nominations—Rev. M. W. Andes, J. Robert Walker, Rev. K. D. Register, Zeb. H. Lynch.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on the Ministry, feel that our churches and pastors should seek by all proper means to exalt the work of the ministry; and pray earnestly that the Lord may call from their best young men, worthy preachers of the Gospel.

We offer the following recommendations relative to ministerial personnel:

1. *Rev. Carl Wallace* graduated from Elon College at the last commencement. The churches of which he was pastor recommended him and requested that he be ordained. After due examination, it was recommended to the Executive Committee that he be ordained. Brother Wallace was approved for ordination by the Executive Committee and was ordained at Palm Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., July 25, 1950.

2. *Rev. James Hailey* graduated from Elon College at the last commencement. After due examination, it was recommended to the Executive Committee that Brother Hailey be ordained. Brother Hailey was approved for ordination by the Executive Committee and was ordained at Palm Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., July 25, 1950.

3. *Rev. John R. Lackey* graduated from Elon College at the last commencement. The church of which he was pastor recommended him and requested that he be ordained. Afte due examination it was recommended to the Executive Committee that he be given a conference ordination based on the following conditions:

(1) That he begin his seminary training this fall (1950).

(2) That he move to Elon College, so that he will be nearer his work, and that his wife pursue her training at Elon.

Brother Lackey was approved for conference ordination by the Executive Committee and was so ordained at Palm Street Church, Greensboro, N. C., July 25, 1950.

4. *Rev. Percy Ricketts,* who was given conference ordination at the last session of conference, is now serving as pastor of Mt. Bethel, New Lebanon, Kallam's Grove, and a non-denominational church near Danville. He reports progress in all of these churches. After due examination, we recommend that Brother Rickett's conference standing, that of conference ordination, be continued.

5. *Brother Mullen C. Moricle, Jr.,* will be a sophomore when he returns to school at Elon College and is a member of the Biblical class. After due examination we recommend that he be continued as a member of the Biblical class.

6. *Rev. Grady Julius Rice* comes to us as a licentiate from the Georgia Congregational Christian Conference. He is a junior at Elon College and is serving as pastor at Hines Chapel and Monticello churches. He has presented a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing from the Georgia Conference to this conference. We recommend that he be received and enrolled as a licentiate in this conference.

7. *Rev. William Rich* is a student at Duke Divinity School and pastor of Damascus Church (E. N. C. Conference). Brother Rich is a licentiate in this conference and asks that he be considered for ordination. After due examination, we recommend that his standing as licentiate be continued and that he continue his studies at Duke and his church work and that he apply again for ordination next fall.

8. *Brother Rosser Lee Clapp,* a member of Apple's Chapel Church and enrolled in the Biblical class of this conference, requests that he be licensed at this conference session. After due examination, we recommend to the Executive Committee that he be licensed at this session of conference on the condition that he be examined before Dr. Scott and one or more members of this committee on the Principles and Policies of our church, and that he satisfy the examining committee as to his knowledge of this particular part of our church's work.

9. *Brother Alfred Warren Matthews,* a member of the First Church of Greensboro and a junior at Elon College, has been recommended for licensure by the Board of Deacons of his home church. After due examination, we recommend to the Executive Committee that he be licensed at this session of conference on the condition that he be examined before Dr. Scott and one or more members of this committee on the Principles and Policies of our church and that he satisfy this examining committee as to his knowledge of this particular part of our church's work. We also recommend that he be granted a $100 work scholarship or other scholarships.

10. *Rev. I. T. Underwood.* We recommend that he be continued as a licentiate for another year.

11. *Rev. Bland Leebrick,* a licentiate of this conference, is a senior at Elon College, pastor of Carolina Church and serving as supply pastor of Berea Church. We recommend that his licensure be continued.

12. *Rev. William T. Scott, Jr.* is a licentiate in this conference and a student at Yale Divinity School. We recommend that his licensure be continued.

13. *Rev. Howard P. Bozarth,* pastor of Elon College Community Church, has presented a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing in the Suffolk South Association of Congregational Ministers to this conference. We recommend that he be received and enrolled as an Elder in this conference.

14. *Rev. Carl Wallace* has been granted a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing from this conference to the Eastern North Carolina Congregational Christian Conference by action of this committee. This letter was granted September 22, 1950.

15. *Rev. Earl Farrell* has accepted a charge in the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Conference and requests a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing to that conference. We recommend that this letter be granted from this conference to the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Conference.

16. *Rev. Frank W. Murtfeldt* requests a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing from this conference to the Hudson River Association in New York. Rev. Murtfeldt plans to do supply pastoral work in the New York State Conference. We recommend that this letter of transfer be granted.

17. *Rev. Jesse H. Dollar* has accepted the Liberty Spring pastorate in the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Conference. He requests a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing. We recommend that this letter of transfer be granted from this conference to the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Conference.

18. *Brother Staley Sorrell,* a member of the Biblical class, is now a student in the sophomore class at Averett College. It is recommended that he be continued as a member of the Biblical class.

19. *Rev. Guy H. Veazey* has accepted the High Point Church in the Western North Carolina Conference. He requests a letter of transfer of his ministerial stand-

ing. We recommend that this letter of transfer be granted from this conference to the Western North Carolina Conference.

20. *Rev. H. E. Crutchfield* has accepted the Berea Church in the Eastern Virginia Conference. He requests a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing. We recommend that this letter of transfer be granted from this conference to the Eastern Virginia Conference.

21. *Rev. H. E. Robinson* has accepted the Burlington Church and presents his letter of transfer from the Windham Association of Connecticut. We recommend his membership to this conference.

22. *Lester Stanley* of the Gibsonville Church has been recommended by his church for licensure. After due examination, we recommend that he receive local conference licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. WISSEMAN, *Chairman,*
D. J. BOWDEN,
M. W. ANDES,
F. E. REYNOLDS,
K. D. REGISTER.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Douglas Horton addressed the conference on the subject, "The Church and the Ministers of the Church."

By authority of the vote of conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the president of conference licensed Alfred Warren Matthews of the Greensboro First Church and Rosser Lee Clapp of the Apple's Chapel Church, as probationers to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Dr. Douglas Horton led the prayer.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee, find that we have been lax in our responsibility. Each in his own way has done various things to support Foreign Missions.

We would urge your financial support of Foreign Missions. We have young people ready and waiting to go, but there is no money to send them. We have wide-open fields waiting for new missionaries. See that your church gives more than its conference apportionment for Foreign Missions.

We recommend the support of our young people as they seek to underwrite the expenses of bringing a student to this country for graduate study in Religion.

We especially urge your prayers for the safety of the Jacksons on their return to the United States.

Our Christian World Mission is upon us, more than ever. Last year we gave a little more than half of our goal. This year we must do more.

W. J. ANDES,
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,
PERCY RICKETTS,
MRS. ED. MITCHELL,
R. B. CRAWFORD,
MRS. T. S. SCOTT.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, the following spoke:

Rev. H. E. Robinson, "The Prudential Committee's Program."

Dr. F. C. Lester, "The Local Church and the Mission Task."

The report was adopted.

Conference recessed for lunch.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:30 p. m.

The hymn and prayer were led by Dr. S. C. Harrell.

The Committee on Budget and Apportionment gave the first reading of their report, which was as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We wish to commend the churches of the conference for their splendid efforts toward paying the full apportionment goal for the year just closing. Many of our churches have paid their apportionments in full. We urge those who have not paid

SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1950-51.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	The Christian Sun	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	Totals
Apple's Chapel	$ 165	$ 140	$ 136	$ 135	$ 44	$ 43	$ 23	$ 120	$ 34	$ 14	$ 25	$ 879
Asheville	37	52	25	27	8	8	4	21	8	10	10	210
Belew Creek	64	43	29	46	18	22	12	61	9	8	14	326
Berea	64	43	29	46	19	13	7	61	10	8	14	314
Bethel	60	60	71	73	14	13	7	35	14	4	8	359
Bethlehem	168	140	127	141	41	40	21	114	27	12	21	852
Burlington	490	1,399	2,735	607	156	148	77	365	64	48	87	6,176
Carolina	44	20	18	27	14	11	6	53	6	7	13	219
Concord	71	50	43	55	22	13	7	53	9	8	15	346
Danville	410	401	59	61	27	74	39	77	64	11	20	1,243
Durham	672	635	369	534	125	151	79	347	35	38	70	3,055
Elk Spur	24	10	12	11	7	3	2	25	2	4	8	108
Elon College	467	435	246	427	97	94	49	271	35	27	50	2,198
Gibsonville	81	60	44	61	20	27	14	70	17	9	16	419
Graham-Providence	40	17	10	23	14	7	4	28	6	6	12	167
Greensboro, First	578	545	312	534	95	101	53	331	36	30	56	2,671
Greensboro, Palm Street	124	120	119	115	27	24	13	62	21	8	15	648
Happy Home	138	113	104	109	41	38	20	95	22	12	22	714
Haw River	131	100	92	107	27	26	14	77	13	12	21	620
Hebron	67	43	32	49	14	13	7	36	9	8	14	292
Hines' Chapel	84	84	59	61	20	27	14	51	10	9	16	435
Hopedale	47	27	20	32	14	11	6	36	8	7	13	221
Howard's Chapel	17	7	12	11	7	7	4	8	2	4	8	87
Ingram	191	160	149	165	44	38	20	114	17	16	30	944
Kallam Grove	47	27	18	30	14	11	6	28	7	7	13	208
Lebanon	71	47	42	55	16	13	7	53	11	8	14	337
Liberty	71	47	38	55	19	13	7	53	16	8	15	342
Long's Chapel	91	67	56	70	20	19	10	61	13	9	16	432
Lynchburg	91	67	56	69	22	19	10	69	10	9	16	438
Mebane	13	7	12	21	14	7	4	10	2	5	9	104
Monticello	50	27	24	30	15	11	6	44	7	7	13	234
Mt. Bethel	74	74	71	67	16	16	8	39	5	5	8	383
Mt. Zion	81	60	50	63	22	16	8	69	13	8	15	405
New Lebanon	121	94	86	97	27	24	13	69	15	12	22	580
Pfafftown	34	13	12	18	14	8	4	28	2	6	10	149
Pleasant Grove	104	80	71	79	29	30	16	77	21	10	18	535
Pleasant Ridge	50	27	24	35	16	8	4	35	4	7	13	223
Reidsville	228	194	187	194	34	54	28	147	44	19	36	1,165
Rocky Ford	24	10	12	11	7	3	2	25	2	4	8	108
Salem Chapel	50	30	24	36	14	8	4	53	10	6	12	247
Shallow Ford	104	80	74	80	22	22	12	89	16	10	18	527
Tryon, Erskine Memorial	134	110	95	107	35	27	14	89	16	12	21	660
Union, North Carolina	121	90	82	97	35	24	13	98	26	20	37	643
Union, Virginia	138	114	14	115	35	34	18	89	35	12	21	625
Winston-Salem	71	23	14	27	10	16	5	36	8	11	21	242
Zion	10	10	5	5	2	3	2	10	2	3	5	57
Totals	$6,012	$6,002	$5,919	$4,818	$1,353	$1,338	$703	$3,782	$763	$518	$939	$ 32,147

all apportionments to make an earnest effort to do so. Churches which have not paid in full their apportionment as of this date still have time to send their payments to the Southern Convention Office, and they would be given credit on the 1949-50 Conference Year.

We wish to commend the large number of churches which now follow the practice of sending payment of apportionments monthly or quarterly. We urge all of our churches to follow this practice rather than waiting until the end of the year.

At the last session of the Southern Convention, our conference, along with the other conferences of the Convention, was asked to make a small increase in apportionment to the Convention Fund and to add an item to make possible the printing of *The Christian Sun* without a deficit.

The Convention Fund makes possible the friendly counsel and assistance to churches and leaders; the promotion of missionary interests, development of Sunday schools, young people's work, women's work, laymen's work, etc. It makes possible the Convention Office which provides the very core and hub of our organizational togetherness. It provides the salaries of the full time Superintendent, Educational Secretary, the bookkeeper and stenographer; and the maintainance of a central headquarters for the Convention, the five conferences and the boards and institutions.

The Southern Convention, at its 1950 session, by resolution, requested that in addition to the regular apportionment for Elon College the conferences and churches engage in an effort to raise a minimum of $1.00 per member annually for Elon College. Money given to this cause is to be known as the Sustaining Fund. For more than sixty years Elon College has served the people of the Christian Church, and we earnestly urge that our people do their best in their effort to reach the goal asked for in the resolution passed at the meeting of the 1950 session of the Southern Convention.

GEORGE D. COLGLOUGH,
RUSSELL V. POWELL,
W. E. WALKER.

(The report of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments was adopted on Wednesday.)

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1. *The Young People of our Conference—*

Under the leadership of Miss Dorothy Ballinger as president, the work of the young people of our conference has gone steadily forward. Two good rallies were held. The first was held in Burlington in April, when the emphasis was placed on sending a young person to a work camp overseas. Gifts for this purpose were dedicated at the rally. On October 15, another rally was held at our Happy Home Church. Max Vestal reported on his experience in the work camp in Europe, and representatives from all the summer camps and conferences made reports. New officers were elected at this rally. Bill Tolley of Lynchburg, a senior at Elon College, is the new president. Rev. and Mrs. Mark Andes and Rev. Henry Robinson are the counselors.

2. *The North Carolina and Virginia Sunday School Convention—*

The annual session of the Sunday School Convention was held on July 13, at our Danville Church. It was a good meeting with good reports. Mr. Algie Blalock of Union Ridge was reelected president. One aim, according to Mr. Blalock is to get all of our Sunday schools to use Pilgrim Press literature. He feels that training schools and institutes can be more helpful if all Sunday schools are using the same literature.

3. *Leadership Training Schools—*

Your committee reports with pleasure the successful training school held last January in Burlington for leaders of our Sunday schools in the Burlington area. Much of the success of the school was due to the wonderful manner in which the churches cooperated. They are planning a similar school for 1951. Taking the cue from Burlington, churches in the Greensboro area are planning a leadership training school in Greensboro for January 8-12, with M. T. Garren as dean.

4. *Elon College Sustaining Fund—*

The Southern Convention, in session last May, voted to help Elon College become

more secure by means of a sustaining fund. Our conference as a part of the Convention should take its part in securing this fund.

Your committee feels that the Christian education of the people of our churches demands our best efforts. We would stress the importance of using the *best literature* available, with reference to print, pictures, and interpretation of material. Our own Pilgrim Press materials are worthy of our consideration.

We recommend the use of the *best equipment* available: chairs and tables of the right kind, visual and audio aids, and all kinds of material for children and young people to work with.

But most of all your committee would stress the need of the *best people* as leaders and teachers. Since "religion is caught as well as taught," we feel that no matter how fine and expensive the equipment or how plentiful the literature, unless we have consecrated teachers and leaders our efforts will come to naught.

FERRIS REYNOLDS,
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Christian Education, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill spoke on "Christian Education for Church Youth." The report was then adopted.

Rev. W. J. Andes presented "Plans for the Elon College Sustaining Fund." Dr. Wm. M. Brown spoke of the needs of Elon College and urged the support of the Sustaining Fund.

A motion was made and passed that an expression of sympathy be sent Dr. L. E. Smith because of his illness and that we pledge our cooperation and loyalty to him and Elon College.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND RURAL CHURCH.

The Committee on Home Missions and Rural Church is glad that this year it can report to conference that new areas have been entered. In the Burlington area a new church has been formed by the name of The Beverly Hills Congregational Christian Church. Also, a lot has been purchased in West Burlington for another new work. This is the lot that the C. M. A. and the Home Mission Board voted to underwrite for a sum not to exceed $4,000.00. Too, a lot has been given at Lake View, which is located on the road between Union Ridge and Glencoe. We understand that work is progressing on the Zion Church which was accepted into conference in the 1948 session.

This committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the Home Mission Board and C. M. A continue to invest the majority of their aid in new work. If churches need aid in paying their minister the minimum salary set up by the Home Mission Board, we recommend that they join forces with other churches and form pastorates. If this proves impossible, we recommend that they make application to the Southern Convention Mission Board through the Conference Home Mission Board

2. That no mission grant from the C. M. A. to any church or group of churches should exceed $300.00 except where new areas are entered, and then the decission should be left to the C. M. A. Executive Committee and the Home Mission Board.

3. That $2,600.00 be set as a minimum salary for each minister living on the field and giving full time to his church work.

4. That we give support to denominational and inter-denominational programs for spiritual advancement in our local communities.

W. W. SNYDER,
MRS. J. D. STRADER,
W. T. DUNN,
MRS. O. H. PARIS,
K. D. REGISTER,
MRS. R. W. ISLEY,
G. H. VEAZEY,
MRS. J. G. TRUITT.

Pending the adoption of the above report, Dr. W. T. Scott spoke on the subject, "Our Expanding Program." Dr. Ross Sanderson gave his impressions of our church extension program.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was adopted.

The conference adjourned for the session of the Conference Missionary Association.

Conference reconvened at 3:15 p. m.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

We must put first things first. Great stress must be laid upon salvation. Men must be challenged anew with things of God—and as, and when, and if men can be made to accept that challenge, money will take care of itself. For it follows just as surely as night follows day, that when a man gives his life to God, he will with his gold support the things of God.

We cannot seem to remember that the Master and his chosen disciples ever had a budget. We cannot seem to remember at any one of his gatherings that he took a collection. But we do recall that at the end of many exhortations, he said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all of these things shall be added unto you."

We recommend stronger pulpits that will set men afire for Jesus Christ, that will lead to new and deeper consecration, that will concern themselves first with the salvation of their memberships. When this is done, then it will follow in quick and natural order that men will put first things first, and men will give of their substance that missions might be supported, churches built, programs strengthened, and Christ's work go on.

T. G. HUMPHRIES.

Pending the adoption of the above report, Rev. T. G. Humphries spoke on the subject, "Two-bit Joe." The report was then adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, present the following to serve in the offices of the conference for the year 1950-51:

President—Dr. S. C. Harrell.
Vice-President—Rev. Thurman Bowers.
Secretary—Rev. W. J. Andes.
Assistant Secretary—Rev. R. T. Woodruff, Jr.
Treasurer—Russell V. Powell.

Home Mission Board—Rev. W. W. Snyder, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Rev. K. D. Register, Mrs. John W. Long, Rev. H. P. Bozarth, Mrs. J. G. Truitt.

Representatives to North Carolina Council of Churches—Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Rev. T. G. Humphries, G. D. Colclough, W. J. Fonville. Alternates: Rev. K. D. Register, Rev. M. V. Welch, A. H. Hinshaw, D. L. Boone, Sr.

Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches—W. T. Dunn, Joe K. Landrum.

Representatives to the Executive Board of the Southern Convention—Rev. H. E. Robinson, Robert Walker.

M. W. ANDES,
K. D. REGISTER,
J. ROBERT WALKER,
ZEB LYNCH.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Nominations be adopted and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of conference for the nominees. The secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the president declared the officers elected.

Conference adjourned until the evening session. Rev. G. H. Veazey led the closing prayer.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 7:30 p. m. The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. M. V. Welch.

Supt. John G. Truitt of the Christian Orphanage presented twenty children from the orphanage, and these gave a very fine program.

By authority of the vote of the conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, Dr. S. C. Harrell, president of the conference, licensed Lester Stanley of the Gibsonville Church as a Conference Licentiate to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Dr. W. T. Scott led the prayer.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. G. Truitt.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. R. T. Woodruff, Jr., as conference convened at 9:30 a. m.

Minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

The following visitors were introduced to the conference and accorded the privileges of the floor: Mrs. F. C. Lester, Rev. Duane Vore, Professor W. D. Davie of Wales and of Duke University, Miss Frances Query.

Dr. W. T. Scott called the attention of conference to the fact that the Ivy Hill Church was not an organized church and should be dropped from the Conference Roll of Churches. The secretary was asked to take this under advisement, dropping the church if such were the case.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

In these days of so much undesirable literature, we feel it important that our church families put greater effort into promoting more intelligent reading in the home. We especially think that our children and youth should be exposed to and encouraged to read the best in books and magazines.

A combination of the world's best literature is the Bible; the basis for all Christian literature is the Bible; yet it is the "forgotten book" in many of our homes today. We strongly recommend that it be made a "must" on all reading lists. Try reading complete books rather than portions, or taking certain passages from their original setting. There are also fine books about the Bible which make it more easily read. "Using the Bible with Children" by Lewis is an excellent one.

The Christian Sun, the official publication of our own church, might be properly characterized as a magazine for the family. This weekly paper keeps us posted on the "doings" of our people at home and abroad, with news and articles of interest for all age groups. A subscription to this magazine will help to solve your Christmas shopping problems, too.

Our Division of Christian Education is publishing a series of books of special interest to children. Available now are "Let's Celebrate Christmas," "The Church Grows," and "The Family Looks at One World." These are all excellent and should be used in homes where there are children regardless of what Sunday school materials are being used.

For young people there is *Pilgrim Fellowship News,* a copy of which is sent five times a year to each church free of charge.

Other suggested reading materials are *Children's Religion* and *The Missionary Herald.*

We would also recommend that each church start a library of books that would be helpful for teachers, leaders, parents and other adult groups, with the suggestion that our Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention be consulted as to the selection of useful material.

To be informed is to be prepared. The selection of the best in literature is the prime requisite.

MRS. D. M. ESTES.

Pending the adoption of the above report, Rev. Duane Vore, chairman of the Southern Convention Board of Publications, presented *The Christian Sun.* Discussion followed. The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments was adopted.

Miss Frances Query gave a report on the work of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

The recommendation of the Executive Committee concerning the Lynchburg Church was moved and seconded to be adopted. Twenty-five minutes was the time limit for discussion. Mrs. C. L. Grossman introduced J. W. Tolley, who presented and explained the recent vote of the Lynchburg Church. Others who spoke were: Dr. W. M. Brown, Dr. C. E. Newman, Dr. Mary Frances Thelen, Dr. F. C. Lester, Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. T. G. Humphries. Rev. Duane Vore was asked to lead the conference in prayer before the vote on the recommendation. The recommendation was adopted by a vote of fifty in favor and three opposed.

Dr. Douglas Horton spoke on the subject: "Our Christian World Mission."

The report of the Conference Historian was presented. Condensed, it was as follows:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Since our last conference the trustees of the James O'Kelly Cemetery Foundation have held two meetings. They have attempted to secure a right-of-way from the state highway to the cemetery, eight-tenths of a mile, but this could not be secured. At present the plantation path is being improved so as to be passable at all seasons of the year. The trustees were authorized by the Southern Convention to raise $500.00 to improve the cemetery. Discovering later that this was not enough, the Executive Board of the Convention authorized the continuance of the campaign until the amount necessary to make the needed improvements was in hand. This conference contributed $384 of the total amount in hand.

A great-great grandaughter of Mr. O'Kelly, Miss Lillie Fowler of Mebane, N. C., is to catalogue the names of all the O'Kelly family buried within the rock wall of the O'Kelly cemetery.

Some donations have been made during the past year to the Church History room in the Elon College Library building. I have continued my work in preparing the history of each individual church in this conference, and I hope to complete the same as soon as data san be secured. The history of nearly three-fourths of the churches has been prepared, bound by a printer and is ready to be placed in the History Room. I have also several histories of churches of the Eastern Virginia Conference, prepared by my brother, Dr. N. G. Newman.

The Home Mission Board of this conference in 1899 voted to assign Rev. L. I. Cox to home mission work in Greensboro, N. C., for one-fourth of his time at a salary

of $100.00 for the year. Mr. Cox began there in November, 1899, preaching on Sunday afternoons in the Friends Church. A building committee was appointed and a lot was purchased for $750.00. In June, 1900, a church was organized with twenty-seven charter members. A neat brick church was built and finally dedicated on June 1, 1909. During the pastorate of Dr. C. H. Rowland, a parsonage was purchased. In 1935 the cottage adjoining the church lot was added to the church property. Dr. Rowland retired after thirteen years of service there, and the present pastor, Dr. W. E. Wisseman of Texas, succeeded him.

In 1947, the members began to plan for a new building. Lots were purchased in a desirable residential part of the city One Sunday in November, 1949, $57,000.00 cash and subscriptions were added to the $42,000 already in the building fund.

Palm Street Church was organized in 1905, in Greensboro, with twenty-seven members, and Rev. L. F. Johnson was the first pastor. This was a branch church of the First Church. Sunday school rooms were added to the small building and a parsonage was bought. Eight men from this church have entered the ministry. A new building, costing more than $50,000.00 is under construction.

The Durham Church is just ten miles from O'Kelly's Chapel, the first Christian Church built in North Carolina. In 1885, Dr. W. T. Herndon and J. H. Moring conceived the idea of establishing a church in Durham. Each of these were great-grandsons of James O'Kelly and each was a member of O'Kelly's Chapel. In 1886, the conference authorized Dr. Herndon to organize a mission work in Durham, and the Mayor's office was secured for holding services. In 1887, a church was organized with fifty charter memebrs. In 1889, it was reported to conference that a lot had been purchased for $375.00, and there was $800.00 in cash and subscriptions in a building fund. The first building was a medium size frame structure with a basement. Soon there was need for a larger building, and a lot was purchased at a cost of $2,500.00. Soon after this the Main Street Methodist Church sold our people their house of worship for half its value, $6,000.00. Our church was served by ten different pastors from 1887 until 1919, when Rev. S. C. Harrell of the Eastern Virginia Conference accepted the work, and he is the present pastor. In 1923, the building was remodeled at a cost of $18,000.00. In 1949, a campaign was begun to raise money for an educational building and this has been built at a cost of $65,000.00.

Third Avenue, Danville, had its beginning in a two-room school house on Third Avenue. The church was organized October 14, 1914, by Rev. S. B. Klapp and Dr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon College, with twenty-eight charter members. In this same year a brick house of worship was built, forty by sixty feet, and with three Sunday school class rooms. Seven ministers have served this church. Rev. M. T. Sorrell has been the pastor since 1926. During this period the church has had a remarkable growth, until today it is an institutional church. Eight times since 1926 the church building has undergone changes and additions. The church property covers an entire block and the value of the property is not far from one hundred thousand dollars. The financial program calls for more than $40,000.00 annually, and this is raised by free-will offerings. The church gives over $5,000.00 each year to Foreign Missions and has a board known as the "Missions Crusaders" which handles all of the mission work of the church. In 1937, Faith Home was founded by this church. It began its work in that year with five children, and it cares regularly for more than thirty children. These children are kept until permanent homes can be found. It is now a non-sectarian institution, managed by a board of directors. The property value is $30,000.00, and the annual budget is $10,000.00.

Reidsville Church was organized on July 14, 1915, by Rev. L. I. Cox, with thirty-one charter members. The first service was held in the Seminary Building. Later, a lot was purchased on Montgomery Street and a brick house of worship was built. In 1935 a Sunday school annex was added with all of the rooms and facilities that go with a modern plant. Much growth is reported in all phases of the work.

Zion Church, near Burlington, N. C., is nearing completion of the two-story Sunday school building, with all bills paid at the present time.

The new brick building at Bethlehem will be ready for use February 1, 1951. Since Rev. G. C. Crutchfield became pastor in April of this year, thirty-four members have been added, all old and current bills have been paid, and $1,200.00 is in the treasury.

Concord has completed a handsome brick house of worship. Haw River is making improvements to the church. Union (N. C.) is preparing to build a new educational

building. Happy Home raised $3,000.00 on one Sunday and paid the parsonage debt. Apple's Chapel is building a Sunday school building and will have it completed by December 31. Rev. J. R. Lackey has recently been called as fulltime pastor.

Burlington has recently spent $3,000.00 in repairs and in 1951 plans to redecorate the church sanctuary and repair the old parsonage. A fulltime director of Religious Education is employed and a week-day kindergarten has been set up with thirty pupils. Burlington is interested in three mission points within the city. Lots have been donated in the Beverly Hills section and a hut has been built. W. T. Scott, Jr., a student in Yale Divinity School, conducted a Bible School there this past summer. A lot has been purchased in West Burlington.

New Lebanon has completed a new house of worship, costing $30,000.00.

October 29, 1950, Hines Chapel raised oved $1,600.00 to clear the parsonage of debt.

Union (Va.) is now building an eight-room parsonage costing around $10,000.00.

C. E. NEWMAN, *Historian.*

Pending the adoption of the above report, Mrs. Oma Johnson spoke of the Church History Room at Elon College. The report of the historian was adopted.

Conference adjourned for lunch, and Rev. G. C. Crutchfield led the closing prayer.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:30 p. m. The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. T. G. Humphries.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

Southern Convention contributions for 1949 to regular Superannuation funds were $4,099.77; Christmas Fund, $557.30; making a total of $4,657.01. Of this amount the North Carolina and Virginia Conference contributed $1,485.00.

Present regular pension grants to retired ministers and ministers' widows total approximately $5,736 ($4,283 for ministers and $1,453 for widows). In addition to the total annual regular grants, the division of Ministerial Relief mails to pensioners and others in need checks at Christmas time and at other times for emergencies. The funds for these extra checks come from the proceeds of the Christmas Fund of the Congregational Christian Churches. You will see above that we have contributed last Christmas $557.30. The contributions received by ministers and widows at Christmas time was approximately $1,500. Thus you will see that while we are contributing about $4,600 a year to Superannuation, our National Board is actually paying about $7,200 to our retired ministers and ministers' wives.

At the present time ten ministers and nine ministers' widows are receiving regular pensions from the Board of Superannuation through the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches, New York.

Our Congregational Christian Churches provide an excellent plan for ministers to provide for their own retirement by participating in the Annuity Fund. This is an opportunity which our ministers should not miss, and it is the duty of our churches to assist in payment of the annual dues. The regular plan provides for annual dues of 6 per cent of a pastor's salary. To the regular dues is given $45.00 by the Pilgrim Memorial Fund of the Annuity Fund, and the church is supposed to pay one-half of the balance and the minister one-half. While 6 per cent is required dues, it has been found that it will take 11 per cent to adequately provide for retirement, and it is recommended that our churches pay 8 per cent and the minister pay 3 per cent.

At the present time, the following pastors are members of the Annuity Fund in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference: W. J. Andes, M. W. Andes, F. E. Reynolds, G. H. Veazey, W. E. Wisseman and H. E. Robinson. This means that most

of our pastors in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference are not members of the Annuity Fund. This is a grave mistake on the part of the pastors and churches. We strongly urge the laymen of our churches to take steps to see that their respective ministers are members of the fund. No doubt most pastors are not members of the Annuity Fund because they have hesitation to approach the churches and ask them to pay a share of the dues. The Committee on Superannuation and Superintendent Scott will be happy to confer with any church or pastor on this important matter. Most business concerns provide through Social Security for their employees. Ministers are not eligible for Social Security. Therefore, it is morally right to expect that the churches will avail themselves of an opportunity to discharge their obligation to their pastor by participating with him in the Annuity Fund.

D. R. FONVILLE,
M. T. SORRELL,
C. E. SIMPSON.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was adopted.

On point of personal privilege, Dr. W. T. Scott presented the suggestion to reconsider the action of the conference regarding the Lynchburg Church. The motion was made and carried that the conference reconsider the action taken in the morning session regarding the Lynchburg Church. A motion, made by W. E. Wisseman and seconded by K. D. Register, carried by a vote of 32 in favor and one against that in lieu of the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the conference, the superintendent of the Southern Convention and the chairman of the Mission Board be instructed to meet with a committee of the Lynchburg Church and with a committee of the Methodist Church, headed by the superintendent of that district, to seek a solution of the problems of our Lynchburg Church and to explore the idea of a Federated Church there, and that the Executive Committee be given the power to act for the conference.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Another conference year has come and gone. We, your Committee on Evangelism, wish to call attention to the most important matter of the Church, that of winning souls to Jesus our Lord.

At Ingram last fall, we as a conference, went on record as approving the United Evangelistic Advance sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. This special evangelistic effort of fifteen months' duration is to culminate in less than sixty days, the 31st of December of this year. Just what the total results will be heaven only knows.

Your committee has endeavored, at least to some degree, to create and maintain evangelistic interest during the past conference year. Evangelistic institutes were conducted at Reidsville, Danville, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Greensboro, Union (N. C.), and here at Shallow Ford. Four hundred and twenty-five people attended these institutes, including twenty pastors, and there were thirty-two participating churches. We do not know what our conference gains and losses have been this year, but we do know what our standing orders are. The Captain of our Salvation says today as he said ninteen centuries ago, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations; baptize them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to observe every command which I have given you; and remember I am with you always, day by day, until the close of the age."

Therefore, in the full orbed light of our Savior's command and commission, we most earnestly recommend that the evangelistic emphasis of the United Evangelistic Advance in the past year be continued in every church as we go forward in the Master's name in the coming conference year.

We further recommend that every church within the conference, each church in its own way, using methods best adapted to the individual church, set as an evangel-

istic goal at least ten per cent gain in church membership for the next conference year. In order to achieve this goal, it will mean love, devotion and prayer, to and for his holy cause.

THURMAN BOWERS,
M. V. WELCH,
W. W. SLOAN,
TUCKER G. HUMPHRIES,
FRANK W. MURTFELDT.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The emphasis of the Christian Gospel is on the changed character of men. At the same time there is a needed emphasis for changes in laws and social institutions. This is necessary because man is conditioned and influenced by social policies and practices. This committee recommends that each church recognize such inter-relations and that each church organize a committee for Social Action if it does not have one.

The task of the Christian Church is to make the teachings of Jesus Christ relevant to given situations. In the content of her action she must be guided by the supreme form of love to God and love to neighbor. Your committee, therefore, recommends that each person as a member of the Christian community reexamine his attitudes and actions from the perspective of Christian love in such matters as race relations, industrial relations, international relations, and interdenominational relations.

WILLIAM P. SMITH,
JAMES ALLEN,
WILLIAM H. MORGAN,
H. SHELTON SMITH,
D. J. BOWDEN.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

WILLIAM PARKYN JACKSON.

Rev. William Parkyn Jackson was born in Canada, in 1873, and died in Asheville, N. C., June 16, 1950. He was the son of a Congregational minister and was educated at Collegiate Institute, Gill University, and Canada Congregational College. He was ordained a minister in the Congregational Church in 1905. In 1904 he married Miss Cora Mae Kinney of Madrid, N. Y. He is survived by his wife and other relatives.

Mr. Jackson, at the time of his death, was pastor emeritus of our Asheville Church, from which church the funeral services were held. Interment was in Burlington, Vermont.

Following his ordination, Mr. Jackson served four parishes in the North. Then he became superintendent of a community club for young men and boys in St. Albans, Vt., and during World War I he represented the War and Navy Departments in training camp activities. For more than twenty years following this service, Mr. Jackson represented the National Recreation Association, retiring in 1938 and coming to Tryon to make his home. In 1939, he became part-time supply pastor for the Asheville Church, and in 1940 he became full-time pastor and continued for five years as such.

Throughout his life, young people were his major interest and care. When confined to his home, he taught Bible to a group of young people. He loved water-color painting and his habit of extensive reading continued almost to the end. His faith and courage allowed him to attend church services even when his health was very poor, especially after his retirement from the active ministry.

JOHN S. CARDEN.

Rev. John S. Carden was born on March 29, 1863, and died on November 25, 1949, at his home in Durham, N. C. On August 22, 1889, he married Miss Betty Sue Allison, and in August, 1949, they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Soon after his marriage, Mr. Carden felt called of God to enter the ministry. He spent several years in study at Caldwell Institute and at Elon College. On November 23, 1900, he was ordained to the ministry, and for forty years he served churches in this and other conferences.

The outstanding characteristics of our brother were his pleasing gift of humor, love for people, revivalistic talent, sincere piety and strong faith in God. He was a good practical preacher and gifted in public prayer.

We, therefore, move the adoption of this report and, pending the same, that conference stand with bowed heads as an expression of our love and appreciation for these brethren, and then the president of the conference lead in prayer.

C. E. NEWMAN,
W. A. RICH.

The report was adopted, and Dr. S. C. Harrell led the prayer.

The report of the North Carolina Woman's Conference was presented by Mrs. F. C. Lester, retiring president, as follows:

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

The women in our churches in North Carolina cooperate in worship, study and giving for Missions, in the broadest sense of that term. During the past year we have united in the study of the Gospel and Letters of John, our mission work in Japan, and in ways which churches work cooperatively in the United States. Our giving amounted to $9,120.97, or which $1,656.59 was our Thank Offering for the Han Mei School in Shaowu, China, and $490.00 was given for Life Memberships and Memorials, which fund is now being used to educate Timothy Chang at Duke Divinity School.

A new experiment was the Family Life Institute, held at Elon College last spring, for the whole of North Carolina, rather than district rallies for area groups. Dr. Paul Reynolds was the guest speaker. The School of Missions, also held at Elon College, provided opportunity for the women of the entire Southern Convention to gain insight into the studies for this year, through the leadership of Dr. Ernest Trice Thompson, Miss Margaret Blemker, and Dr. Fred Wentzel. Mrs. John G. Truitt was the able chairman of this school. The annual fall conference for North Carolina women was held at Liberty (Vance) Church, with Dr. Ruth I. Seabury as speaker. Reported as "Superior Societies" from the churches in this conference were: Apple's Chapel, Belew Creek, Bethel, Burlington, Elon College, Greensboro First, Greensboro Palm Street, Hines Chapel, Ingram, Monticello, Reidsville, Salem Chapel, Union Ridge, Virgilina and Winston-Salem.

During this year, our theme is "Thy Will To Do." We are to study "Great Bible Prayers," mission work in the Near East, and how churches serve their communities. Our Thank Offering is to redecorate and renovate Whitley Memorial Auditorium at Elon College. Our new president is Mrs. W. J. Andes.

MRS. F. C. LESTER,
Retiring President.

The report was admitted to record.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial and Church Ethics was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH ETHICS.

We, as your committee, solicited through *The Christian Sun* and through private correspondence, amendments and additions to the code of ethics presented to the conference last year. (See 1949 ANNUAL, pages 95 and 96.) Since no amendemnts or additions have been received, we recommend the final adoption of said code of ethics, and the circulation of the code among all pastors, present and future, of the conference, and all duly elected officers of the respective churches of the conference, with a request that the copy be made a permanent part of the equipment of the office to be passed on from office-holder to office-holder as the office may change hands.

R. T. WOODRUFF, JR.,
A. L. HURDLE,
W. W. SLOAN.

The above report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Fellowship was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

A laymen's meeting was held at Elon College with over five hundred laymen present. This was a Convention-wide meeting, and all five conferences were represented. Our National executive secretary, Walter Graham, was with us.

We are not able to give the number of churches that held Laymen's Sunday services this year, but several churches reported such services. Our Convention chairman was very helpful in materials for these services. If this material was not used at that time, it can be used at another time. We would urge the churches that did not observe Laymen's Sunday this year to try it next year.

Some churches have had father and son banquets. Several churches have organized local units of the Laymen's Fellowship.

One of our conference officers attended the General Council and was present at the laymen's program. Several district meetings have been held. District 3 held several meetings, with attendance at about 100 at each meeting. District 1 held a meeting at Pleasant Grove on July 30 and elected officers. Dr. Fred Helsabeck, dean of Lynchburg College, spoke on "The Layman and His Community." Other speakers were Dr. W. M. Brown and Rev. H. E. Robinson. Plans are under way to have a meeting of District 2 in the near future.

The officers of District 1 are: Charlie McKinney, chairman, Reidsville, N. C.; J. K. Landrum, vice-chairman, Vernon Hill, Va.; Louis Owen, secretary, 1334 Jeffress Ave., So. Boston, Va.; Franklin Overby, treasurer, Nelson, Va. Officers of District 3 are: A. L. Hook, chairman, Elon College, N. C.; A. H. Blalock, secretary, R. 2, Burlington, N. C.

We would urge the local groups to use the literature and materials available through the Convention office and our National Director's office. We would urge every layman to subscribe to the *Christian Laymen* and to the *Fellowship*.

We recommend that the Program Committee of the conference arrange for a Laymen's Fellowship Banquet at the next session of conference.

G. D. COLCLOUGH,
J. R. HAILEY,
W. T. DUNN.

Pending the adoption of the above report, W. T. Dunn and J. Robert Walker spoke. Mr. Walker gave a report of the National Laymen's Fellowship meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, June, 1950. The report was then adopted.

The Nominating Committee made the following report of nominees for officers of the Laymen's Fellowship, and these were elected:

OFFICERS OF LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

President—W T Dunn.
Vice-President—Charlie H. McKinney.
Secretary—Zeb H. Lynch.
Treasurer—W. E. Walker.
Representative to Laymen's Council of the Southern Convention—W. T. Dunn.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have carefully examined the records of the treasurer of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and find them to be correct and in order.

We recommend:

1. That the secretary be paid $75.00 for cost involved in the transaction of his duties during the past year.

2. That the bills for ANNUALS, report blanks and programs be paid on the receipt of same by the treasurer.
3. That $300 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and $75 to the Virginia Council of Churches.
4. That the Executive Committee of the conference be given the power to act on any request from the Conference Missionary Association during the year 1950-51.
5. That the conference treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses of guest speakers and other expenses incurred during this session of conference.
6. That $50 be appropriated to the Laymen's Fellowship of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for 1950-51; and that $50 be given the North Carolina and Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship for 1950-51.

G. D. COLCLOUGH,
RUSSELL POWELL,
W. E. WALKER.

The above report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Place was as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, have received an invitation from the Reidsville Church, requesting that the next session of conference be held there.

We recommend that the conference accept this invitation.

MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,
REV. G. C. CRUTCHFIELD,
REV. ALLEN HURDLE.

The above report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to recommend the following:

1. That we thank the pastor and people of the Shallow Ford Church for their generous hospitality in providing for our needs and comforts.
2. That we express our appreciation to the officers of the conference and to the speakers for the information and inspiration given us. We would like especially to express our appreciation for our national officers, Dr. Douglas Horton and Dr. Ross Sanderson, who have shared much with us.
3. That we send greetings to Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, whose prsence we have missed and express to him our hopes for a speedy recovery from his illness.
4. That we thank God for the services of Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson and Dr. and Mrs. Edward Riggs in Shaowu, China, and pray our Father God that his guidance will be with them as they make adjustments in their new fields of service.
5. That we continue our support of the North Carolina and the Virginia Councils of Churches.
6. That we urge our churches to support the plans for the formation of the National Council of Churches, becoming informed as to the aims and activities of the Council.
7. That we study the problems and needs of the United Nations in order that we might help it become a stronger and a more efficient instrument for world peace and unity, praying that God will guide not only our own representatives but also those of other nations.

REV. W. P. SMITH,
MRS. W. T. SCOTT,
MISS JAMIMA SUTTON.

The above report was adopted.

It was moved and carried that this conference have its official minutes printed in THE ANNUAL; and that the conference purchase 225 copies of THE ANNUAL for pro rata distribution among the churches.

The minutes of this day's session were read and approved.

By motion, the secretary was authorized to complete the minutes of this session, and that, following the prayer of Dr. Ross Sanderson, the conference adjourn to meet Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1951, with the Reidsville Church.

Dr. Ross Sanderson closed the session with prayer.

The 1950 Conference was adjourned.

S. C. HARRELL, *President,*
W. J. ANDES, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—Stanley C. Harrell, Thurman Bowers, W. J. Andes.

Program—Stanley C. Harrell, Thurman Bowers, W. J. Andes, Tucker G. Humphries.

Evangelism—Mack V. Welch, Thurman Bowers, Julius Rice, J. V. Simpson, John A. Ingram, Dr. J. C. Wilkins.

Ministry—W. E. Wisseman, D. J. Bowden, M. W. Andes, F. E. Reynolds, Kenneth D. Register.

Laymen's Fellowship—W. T. Dunn, Charles H. McKenney, Zeb H. Lynch, W. E. Walker.

Social Action—Wm. P. Smith, D. J. Bowden, Allen L. Hurdle, Mrs. M. T. Garren, Alfred W. Matthews.

Budget and Apportionments—M| W. Andes, Henry E. Robinson, John R. Walker, D. L. Boone, Sr., Mrs. Russell Powell.

Foreign Missions—Henry E. Robinson, Mrs. Ed Mitchell, John R. Lackey, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, M. T. Sorrell.

Historian—C. E. Newman.

Memoirs—C. E. Newman, Mrs. G. W. Longest, Mrs. G. D. Ellington.

Stewardship—James R. Hailey, George D. Colclough, Clyde Iseley, J. E. Cumbie, Mrs. John G. Truitt.

Superannuation—D. R. Fonville, Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Mrs. Howard Gerringer.

Religious Literature—Mrs. Henry E. Robinson, Mrs. D. M. Estes, Percy Ricketts, Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries, Algie Blalock.

Home Missions and Rural Church—W. W. Snyder, Mrs. J. D. Strader, W. T. Dunn, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Kenneth D. Register, Mrs. John W. Long, H. P. Bozarth, Mrs. John G. Truitt.

Pilgrim Fellowship—William P. Tolley, Curtis Young, Mrs. M. W. Andes, Miss Mary Graham Wisseman, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

Christian Education—Miss Dorothy Foltz, W. J. Andes, W. W. Sloan, H. P. Bozarth, Martin T. Garren.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Allen, James B.—Chaplain in U. S. Army.

Andes, M. W.—Sermons, 79; conversions, 17; members received, 23; marriages, 5; addresses, 3; baptisms, 14; pastoral visits, 720; funerals, 11. Salary, $2,550.00.

Andes, W. J.—Sermons, 93; conversions, 5; members received, 22; marriages, 1; addresses, 21; baptisms, 7; pastoral visits, 1,072; funerals, 10. Salary, $3,090.00.

Bowden D. J.—Dean of Elon College.

Bowers Thurman F.—Sermons, 110; conversions, 25; members received, 20; marriages, 12, addresses, 12; baptisms, 20; pastoral visits, 500; funerals, 10. Salary, $3,-550.

Bozarth, H. P.—Received at confrence from Suffolk South Association of Congregational Ministers.

Brooks, A. C.—No report.

Crutchfield, G. C.—Sermons, 85; conversions, 28; members received, 33; marriages, 7; baptisms, 27; addresses, 5; pastoral visits, 200. Salary, $980.00.

Crutchfield, H. E.—Sermons, 100; conversions, 5; members received, 5; marriages, 2; addresses, 4; baptisms, 1; funerals, 2. Salary, $2,884.62. Letter to Eastern Virginia Conference granted at conference.

Hailey, J. R.—Sermons, 50; members received, 3; baptisms, 1; funerals, 3. Salary, $801.00.

Harrell, S. C.—Sermons, 61; conversions, 11; members received, 25; marriages, 9; addresses, 11; baptisms, 17; pastoral visits, 705; funerals, 10. Salary, $4,000.00.

Humphries, T. G.—Sermons, 120; members received, 24; marriages, 23; addresses, 48; baptisms, 10; funerals 12. Salary, $4,500.00.

Hurdle, A. L.—Sermons, 74; conversions, 5; members received, 11; marriages, 5; addresses, 11; baptisms, 20; pastoral visits, 750; funerals, 4. Salary, $2,250.00.

Johnson, S. M.—Retired.

Key, Carl R.—Sermons, 11; addresses, 96; baptisms, 2. Salary, 4,800.00. Field representative, Christian Rural Overseas Program.

Morgan, Wm. H.—Teacher at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mueller, R. C. H.—Missionary to India.

Murtfeldt, F. W.—Sermons, 46; conversions, 10; members received, 20; addresses, 7; baptisms, 4; pastoral visits, 342; funerals, 3. Salary, 3,120.00. Transferred at conference to Hudson River Association, New York.

Neese, J. L.—Sermons, 38; members received, 8; prayer meetings, 10; funerals, 2. Salary, $1,260. Served Palm Street, Greensboro until March 26, 1950.

Newman, C. E.—Sermons, 1; marriages, 7; addresses, 12; funerals, 7. Retired.

Register, K. D.—Sermons, 70; conversions, several; members received, 5; marriages, 9; addresses, 3; pastoral visits, 1,095; funerals, 10. Salary, $3,000.00.

Reynolds, F. E.—Teacher at Elon College; no report.

Robinson, H. E.—Sermons, 60; members received, 5; prayer meetings, 35; marriages, 5; conversions, 3; baptisms, 1 adult, 16 infant; addresses, 25; funerals, 11. Salary, $4,200.00. Received at conference from the Windham Association of Connecticut.

Sloan, W. W.—Teacher at Elon College; no report.

Smith, H. S.—Professor of American Religious Thought, Duke Divinity School.

Smith, J. H.—Minister to Protestant Students and teacher at Arnold College; sermons, 20; addresses, 10. Salary, $4,500.00.

Smith, W. P.—Sermons, 66; conversions, 4; members received, 9; marriages, 2; addresses, 2; baptisms, 4. Salary, $1,800.00.

Snyder, W. W.—Sermons, 114; conversions, 17; members received, 19; marriages, 12; addresses, 4; baptisms, 17; funerals, 15. Salary, $2,550.00.

Sorrell, M. T.—Sermons, 172; conversions, 60; members received, 102; marriages, 58; addresses, 11; baptisms, 64; pastoral visits, 2,200; funerals, 32. Salary, $3,900.00.

Thelen, Mary Frances—Associate professor of Religion, Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Veazey, G. H.—Sermons, 51; conversions, 1; members received, 1; marriages, 2; baptisms, 1; pastoral visits, 275; funerals, 3. Salary, $2,030.00. Transferred at conference to Western North Carolina Conference.

Weed, E. D.—Sermons, 40; members received, 9; marriages, 3; addresses, 5; baptisms, 5; pastoral visits, 210; funerals, 1. Salary, $1,320.00.

Wehrenberg, E. L.—Public School teacher, Bethel Hill High School.

Welch, M. V.—Sermons, 108; conversions, 6; members received, 8; marriages, 9; baptisms, 2; addresses, 4; funerals, 4. Salary, $3,600.00.

Wisseman, W. E.—Sermons, 110; members received, 29; prayer meetings, 29; marriages, 14; conversions, 6; baptisms, 11; addresses, 12; funerals, 12. Salary, $4,707.00.

Woodruff, R. T., Jr.—Sermons, 50; conversions, 2; baptisms, 2; addresses, 3; funerals, 4. Salary, $2,321.76.

LICENTIATES.

Clapp, Rosser Lee—Licensed at conference.

Leebrick, B. A.—Sermons, 55; conversions, 6; members received, 10; assisted in 12 baptisms and in 3 marriages; addresses, 15; funerals, 7. Salary, $1,780.00.

Matthews, A. W.—Licensed at conference.

Rice, G. J.—Received at conference from the Georgia Conference.

Rich, W. A.—Student.

Scott, W. T., Jr.—Student, Yale Divinity School.

Underwood, I. T.—No report.

LOCAL CONFERENCE ORDINATION.

Lackey, J. R.—Sermons, 50; prayer meetings, 25; marriages, 3; funerals, 4. Salary, $900.00.

Ricketts, P. H.—Sermons, 180; conversions, 26; members received, 74; marriages, 5; addresses, 2; baptisms, 19; pastoral visits, 359. Salary $2,825.00.

LOCAL CONFERENCE LICENSURE.

Stanley, Lester—Licensed at conference.

BIBLICAL CLASS.

Moricle, M. C., Jr.—Student at Elon College.

Sorrell, Staley—Student at Averett College.

Tolley, W. P.—Recognized as a student preparing for Religious Education work and a student at Elon College.

MEMBER OF ANOTHER DENOMINATION SERVING CHURCHES IN CONFERENCE.

Loman, Harold—No report.

North Carolina Christian Conference, Inc.
Minutes of the Executive Committee

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FEBRUARY 26, 1927 - MAY 3, 1944

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At Greensboro, N. C., December 9-10, 1925, at the 100th annual session of the North Carolina Christian Conference, Inc., (chartered in 1919) (page 126, Volume 54—1926 CHRISTIAN ANNUAL) voted:

FIRST: We recommend that the North Carolina Christian Conference in session elect the Executive Committee to be the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Christian Conference, Inc., and for the ad-interim period that the Executive Committee of said conference shall have all the powers and prerogatives of a Board of Directors, said Executive Committee to be elected by the said conference.

SECOND: That the conference meet next year (1926) for a two-day session on Wednesday after the first Sunday in December.

The conference voted to adjourn as above indicated.

W. C. WICKER, *President,*
L. L. VAUGHAN, *Secretary.*

At Burlington, N. C., December 7, 1926, the Christian Missionary Association met, and President Wicker stated, "The meeting of this association was to have been in conjunction with the session of the North Carolina Christian Conference, but since no church has invited the conference, this (C. M. A.) meeting is called to devise plans for the Christian Missionary Association."

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Christian Conference was called in session February 26, 1927, at Raleigh, N. C., by the chairman, Dr. W. C. Wicker. Action taken by the committee is as follows:

FIRST: Mr. Geo. T. Whitaker, Franklinton, N. C., chairman of the Building Committee of the Franklinton Christian Church, was authorized to have a mortgage executed in favor of the person lending money with which to build a parsonage. The mortgage to cover the parsonage and lot on which same is to be erected, it being the part of the lot on which the Franklinton Christian Church now stands.

SECOND: A resolution was presented by the First Christian Church, Raleigh, N. C., requesting that the title of property at the northeast corner of the intersection of Hillsboro and Dawson Streets be transferred to a Board of Trustees to be named and elected by the United Christian Church, Incorporated, Raleigh. The United Christian Church, Incorporated, to continue in fellowship with the Southern Christian Convention and to hold membership in the North Carolina Conference of Congregational Churches. The committee approved the request of the First Christian Church. The conditions of approval being set forth in a reply to the First Christian Church by this committee.

L. L. VAUGHAN, *Secretary.*

On March 21, 1935, the Executive Committee deeded to The Mission Board of the Southern Christian Convention, Inc., the church and parsonage property of the Christian Church, Franklinton, N. C.

In August, 1937, the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Christian Conference, Inc., executed a deed to the Trustees of Elon College, transferring the interest of the conference in a bequest made by John Campbell of certain property in Moore County, N. C. This land was devised

to grantors by will of John Campbell. (See Wills Book "J," folio 311, and also Deed Book No. 109, folio 528, Moore County Registry.)

The Executive Committee of The North Carolina Christian Conference, Inc., was called in session at Reidsville, N. C., May 3, 1944, by the Rev. G. O. Lankford, vice-president of the conference and member of the committee. Members present: G. O. Lankford and L. L. Vaughan, secretary of the conference and member of the committee.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect a member of the Executive Committee to succeed the late Dr. W. C. Wicker, president of the North Carolina Christian Conference and chairman of the Executive Committee. The name of the Rev. Stanley C. Harrell was proposed by L. L. Vaughan for membership on the Executive Committee, and without objection he was duly elected. The Rev. G. O. Lankford moved that the Rev. Stanley C. Harrell be made chairman of the committee and president of the North Carolina Conference in the interim. The motion prevailed. Dr. Harrell, being present, accepted.

There being no other business for consideration by the committee, a motion for adjournment was made and carried.

L. L. VAUGHAN, *Secretary.*

It should be noted that the property held by The North Carolina Christian Conference, Inc., includes that of the Christian Church in Clayton, N. C., in a deed dated May 20, 1920, and recorded in Book 76, page 437, Register of Deeds, Courthouse of Johnston County, Smithfield, N. C.

The members of the Executive Committee are: Stanley C. Harrell, president; L. L. Vaughan, Secretary, and G. O. Lankford.

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WINCHESTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA,
JULY 27, 1950.

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THEME: *"A Consecrated Vessel."*

MORNING SESSION.

The twenty-third annual session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches met at Winchester Church, Winchester, Va., July 27, 1950, at 10:30 a. m., with Miss Verdie Showalter, president, presiding.

The worship service was conducted by the Winchester Society, Mrs. A. G. Mason, leader, using as their theme, "A Consecrated Vessel."

Mrs. Edgar Nelson welcomed the conference, and Mrs. J. E. Bryant of the New Hope Church responded.

The following visitors were present: Miss Helen Frances Smith of the New York office; Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, educational secretary of the Southern Convention; Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. Wm. Moseley Brown, and Superintendent W. T. Scott, all of Elon College, N. C.

The following ministers and ministers' wives were present: Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Newton, Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Rohart, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. Clyde Koon and Rev. S. E. Madren.

The following churches were represented. Antioch, Bethel, Leaksville, Linville, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R), New Hope, Newport, Winchester, and Wood's Chapel.

The reports of the District Superintendents were presented and accepted as follows:

DISTRICT REPORTS.

DISTRICT No. 1. Mrs. Harold Rhodes stated that progress was being made and that each church was represented at rally.

DISTRICT No. 2. Rev. S. E. Madren made the report, stating that there are three churches with two societies, and each had representatives at the Elon School of Missions, each using the packet and prepared devotionals. Bethel and Mt. Olivet (R) held World Day of Prayer jointly. Friendly Services were rendered in both socities.

DISTRICT No. 3. Mrs. R. E. Newton gave the report of the district, which includes Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon and Newport. Two observed World Day of Prayer, each used planned devotionals, using the Bible as basic study. Two sent representatives to the School of Missions. Each contributed to Friendly Service. One society used packet.

DISTRICT No. 4. Mrs. Clyde Koon gave the report. Woods Chapel has an active Senior Society, also a Junior Society and Cradle Roll. They observed World Day jointly with Lutheran, Brethren and Methodist churches. Planned various programs for use during year. Used *The Christian Sun* and the packet. Contributions to Friendly Service were made. A memorial and a life membership were given. The Juniors hold worship service for the fourth Sunday. They helped pay expenses of young people at camp.

DISTRICT No. 5. The report was given by Mrs. A. K. Sirbaugh. The Winchester Society consists of Woman's Missionary, Young People, Juniors and Cradle Roll. They have regular monthly meetings and have used the packet, also two study books. The Thank Offering amounted to $45.00. The Woman's Society held a rummage sale and donated to the war relief $100.00. The World Day of Prayer was observed. Packages were sent overseas; also a Friendly Service package was sent to Migrant Work, West Palm Beach, Florida. Two life membreships were given.

The districts had one combined rally, meeting at the Bethlehem Church. Mrs. Joseph Moulton of India and Rev. Paul Reynolds of Chicago, were speakers.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the president.

Place—Mrs. Grace Dofflemyer, Mrs. Hubert Liskey.

Press—Mrs. B. F. Frank.

Apportionment—Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. Orville Hoover, Mrs. D. H. Dofflemyer, Mrs. Pearl Painter.

Resolutions—Mrs. H. F. Nelson, Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Thelma Morris.

Recommendations—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. Austin Kipps, Catherine Carter.

Following the singing of a hymn, Miss Helen Smith addressed the conference on the subject, "Miracles of Multiplication."

Adjournment for lunch. Benediction and prayer for the noon-day meal by Dr. Wm. Moseley Brown.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 2 p. m. by the president.

Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Special music by Mary and Paul Rohart. Worship service by Mrs. D. H. Dofflemyer, Bethel Society.

Echoes from the School of Missions, Miss Catherine Carter.

Mrs. J. E. Bryant presented the Thank Offering, which will be used this year to redecorate Whitley Auditorium at Elon College.

"Presentation of Literature," by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

The following reports were presented and adopted as a whole:

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

The report of this department is not what we would like it to be. We have fallen short of the goal we set last year, asking that each society try to secure at least one membership. Although all did not reach this, some of us were able to secure an extra one, which helped. I had hoped we could do much better, especially after more of our people met Timothy Chang and heard from his own lips the love he has in his heart for our Lord and Saviour. We should count it a privilege to share in this worthy cause by doing our bit to help a fine young Christian Chinese prepare himself for the ministry and to serve his people in a more effective way. To date, the reports I have received show:

Bethel—2 memorials.
Woods Chapel—1 life membership; 1 memorial.
New Hope—1 life membership.
Linville—1 memorial.
Winchester—2 life memberships.

It is my sincere hope that we can do better next year.

MRS. EDGAR NELSON, *Supt.*

SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Spiritual Life is an important part of our conference, the aims are high and noble. There has been progress made in each society, since they study books of the

Bible and use planned devotionals at each meeting. Reports from ten societies show an increase in Bible reading. All had studied the Book of John. Several reported that their minister reviewed this book at different meetings.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT.

FAMILY LIFE.

Believing that the family altar elevates, enriches and ennobles, as nothing else can the relation between parents and children, husband and wife, an effort has been made during the past year to establish more family altars. By means of the family altar each individual is strengthened to withstand bravely, life's adversities, to help build the home on that Rock against which all tempests will beat in vain.

Helpful literature pertaining to better homes has been recommended to various societies; also suggestions for family worship.

Many societies reported the observance of family day or family night, with special programs or a sermon by the pastor. In several churches a series of programs, concentrating on home and family life, were worked out, which proved very helpful and interesting.

The highlight of the year in reference to family life was the Family-Life Institute held at the Bethlehem Church on March 21. Dr. Paul Reynolds delivered two challenging messages on "Christian Family Life Today" and "Home and Church Together." Those who attended were inspired as never before to help create better home life. Representatives from eleven churches attended.

Today, in a peace-robbed world, may everyone regard the home with the sincere understanding of its relation to God and may America see her need of strengthening her home life so that our homes will be harbours against the storms, bulwarks against the evils of the world; for if our homes fail, civilization will fail.

MRS. EMERSON ROHART.

FRIENDLY SERVICE.

Work done and gifts made through the Friendly Service branch of the woman's work bring rich dividends in the joy of having given without expecting visible return.

The field is wide in that it includes not only the community and the home front, but reaches around the world. Wherever there is need for linens, books, clothing, bedding, yard goods, materials, layettes, toilet articles, other supplies; whether in school, hospital, orphanage, or a war-torn home across the seas, the kindly hand of Friendly Service may be found, ministering in his Name and for the sake of his children.

The projects for the past year have been: Gifts to migrant centers, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Cassen, West Palm Beach, Florida, and gifts to Japan. The response from the Valley churches has been good. A number of societies report packages sent overseas, to Japan, and to Florida. There were also reports of work done in the church on special projects, and in the local community such as cards, flowers, fruits and visits to the sick and shut-ins.

Reports were received from Antioch, Bethel, New Hope, Linville, Mt. Olivet (G), Woods Chapel and Winchester.

The projects for 1950-51 are:

Community—It is suggested that we cooperate with community agencies for the betterment of our own communities, working through the church in community activities.

Home Missions—Franklinton Center and migrant centers are to be continued as special projects.

Foreign Missions—The Near East, Turkey and Lebanon, has been chosen as the special object of our giving this year. The year books have detailed information as to suggested gifts and mailing instructions.

It is good and commendable to minister in the local community, and we would by all means continue this work, but may we not lay special emphasis in the coming year on Franklinton and migrant centers, as well as overseas work. If every society in our Valley Conference could set as its goal one home and one overseas package, the results would be most gratifying.

Shall we enter into our Friendly Service work this year with a new zeal, remembering that all that we do in this field is done in love in his Name and for the sake of our own brothers at home and around the world.

MRS. ROBERT A. WHITTEN.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL ACTION.

Opportunities for interdenominational action are ever increasing.

World Community Day was observed on November 4. The theme used was "Peace is Possible." New material, thread, needles and thimbles, were brought to be sent to the women of Europe and Asia. Six groups observed this day.

World Day of Prayer was observed February 24, the theme used being "Faith for Our Time." Ten societies participated in observance of this day. Great joy was expressed over the increased attendance over last year.

May Fellowship Day was observed the first Friday in May. This was a day set aside for Christian women to worship together and plan how to improve their own communities. Six societies observed this day.

World Community Day will be observed November 3. World Prayer Day will be observed February 7. May Fellowship Day will be observed May 6. Let us try and have all our churches observe these three days.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

We have two new young people's socities. They are Mt. Lebanon and New Hope.

Mt. Lebanon has twenty-five members and had as their project, Overseas Gifts.

New Hope has a membership of fourteen, and has met their apportionment.

Bethel's membership is twenty-five. Their project: Communion set and table cloth. Has public programs.

Linville has a membership of twelve. Two new members gained. Sent gifts to migrant children in Florida.

Winchester has a membership of twelve. Some have united with the Women's Society. They conduct the Missionary devotionals for the Sunday School once a month. They have met their apportionment.

Antioch young people have been working with the older people, but are going to have two groups.

Leaksville young people have the devotional for each monthly meeting.

Let us all try to get our young people interested in this great cause of missions.

MRS. AMY KIBLER.

CRADLE ROLL.

There are six Cradle Roll's this year. They are: Antioch, Bethel, Leaksville, New Hope, Winchester and Woods Chapel. A total of $12.50 was raised.

Never has there been so great a need for the early training of children.

I recommend the following for this year:

1. That each church strive for an active Cradle Roll.

2. To recognize every new child born in the church community, by a card and visit.

3. That each child that is presented with a certificate, also be presented with a mite box or bank, so that the child shall learn to care for the work of God.

4. That each Society plan a party annually for the mothers and babies, and that the four and five year olds be presented in a program in the church.

5. That we strive to have every child in the church, dedicated to the Lord.

MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS.

The Treasurer's Report was presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Brought forward—July 29, 1949	$ 37.08	
Conference Offering	18.25	
		$ 55.33
Paid to Treasurer—Aug. 1	$ 2.00	
Paid for Bond—Nov. 5	5.00	
		7.00
Carried forward first quarter		$ 44.33

Woman's Society.

Antioch—Dues	$ 30.00	
Bethel—Dues	50.10	
Thank Offering	24.25	
Friendly Service	5.00	
Two Memorials	20.00	
Bethlehem—Special Offering	11.87	
Leaksville—Dues	70.15	
Thank Offering	46.11	
For Jacksons	15.00	
War Victims	8.76	
Special Offering	8.41	
Linville—Dues	75.00	
Thank Offering	11.00	
Special Offering	3.00	
Memorial	10.00	
Mt. Olivet (G)—POW	3.00	
Mt. Olivet (R)—Dues	25.00	
New Hope—Dues	8.20	
Life Membership	10.00	
Special Offering	2.00	
Newport—Dues	39.25	
Thank Offering	18.00	
For Shaowu	10.97	
Winchester—Dues	100.00	
Two Life Memberships	20.00	
Thank Offering	46.00	
Special Offering	5.00	
Woods Chapel—Dues	10.00	
One Memorial	10.00	
One Life Membership	10.00	
Thank Offering	13.80	
		768.20

Young People.

Antioch—Dues	$ 95.11	
Thank Offering	86.80	
Bethel—Dues	22.62	
Thank Offering	2.75	
Linville—Dues	31.00	
New Hope—Dues	19.95	
Winchester—Dues	20.00	
		278.23

Juniors.

New Hope	$ 2.05	
Winchester	5.00	
Woods Chapel	5.00	
		12.05

Cradle Roll.

Antioch	$ 1.95	
Bethel	2.50	
Leaksville	6.80	
New Hope	1.00	
Winchester	3.00	
Woods Chapel	2.25	
		29.55
Grand Total		$1,075.98

DISBURSEMENTS.

October 7—Paid to Mrs. Leathers	$ 102.50	
November 7—Paid to Miss Verdie Showalter	28.41	
January 8—Paid to Mrs. Leathers	332.97	
April 6—Paid to Mrs. Leathers	188.75	
May 23—Paid to Mr. Colclough	26.80	
July 8—Paid to Mrs. Leathers	373.15	
Total paid out		1,052.58
Balance in Treasury		$ 23.40

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. PEARL PAINTER, *Treasurer.*

The Committee on Place reported that the Leaksville Church had invited the conference for its 1951 session. It was voted that the 1951 conference be held at Leaksville.

The Committee on Apportionments presented its report, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Women's Societies.

Antioch	$ 50.00	Mt. Olivet (R)	25.00
Bethel	50.00	New Hope	30.00
Bethlehem	25.00	Newport	50.00
Dry Run	10.00	Winchester	100.00
Leaksville	100.00	Whistler's Chapel	10.00
Linville	75.00	Wood's Chapel	10.00
Mt. Lebanon	5.00		
		Total	$ 550.00

Young People.

Antioch	$ 50.00	New Hope	15.00
Bethel	20.00	Winchester	20.00
Linville	25.00		
		Total	$ 130.00

Juniors.

Bethel	$ 5.00	Wood's Chapel	5.00
New Hope	10.00		
Winchester	5.00	Total	$ 25.00

The Committee asks that each Cradle Roll send an offering.

It suggests offering in approximately the following amounts from churches and Ladies' Aids:

Mayland (Aid)	$ 10.00
Concord (Aid)	10.00
Palmyra	5.00

Timber Ridge (Aid)	25.00
Mt. Olivet (G)	25.00
Total	$ 75.00

The goal of the Valley Woman's Missionary Conference is $1,250. The Thank Offering will count toward the Conference goal, but not toward the local society.

MRS. A. W. ANDES,
MRS. ORVILLE HOOVER,
MRS. DEWEY DOFFLEMYER,
MRS. PFEARL PAINTER.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved—

1. That we take a rising vote of thanks to the Winchester Church for its hospitality.

2. That we express our appreciation to our officers for their work during the year.

3. That we thank Mrs. A. G. Mason and Mrs. Dewey Dofflemyer for their inspiring worship programs and Leaksville and Linville for special music.

4. That we express our deep gratitude to Miss Helen Frances Smith and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill for their presence and inspiring messages.

5. That we recommend Life Memberships or Memorials to be used to help educate Timothy Chang.

6. That we stress the Thank Offering, its purpose and importance and that we urge every society to make a special effort to reach and go beyond its goal.

MRS. HAROLD RHODES,
HAZEL M. NELSON,
THELMA MORRIS.

The Committee on Recommendations reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That our Thank Offering go to redecorate Whitley Auditorium at Elon College.

2. That our Conference adopt and follow a Constitution.

3. That each society appoint a chairman to encourage an increase in subscriptions to *The Christian Sun.*

4. That each society have as its goal at least one Life Membership and Memorial, to be used to help educate Timothy Chang.

5. That with a new vision of Christian World Mission we urge that our Woman's Conference strive to reach and exceed its goal of $1,000 per year.

MRS. B. F. FRANK,
MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS,
CATHERINE CARTER.

The Nominating Committee's report was adopted, and the following officers were elected:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following:

President—Mrs. J. E. Bryant.
Vice-President—Mrs. R. A. Whitten.
Secretary—Mrs. Howard Hensley.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. F. Nelson.

Superintendent of

Woman's Work—Mrs. B. F. Frank.
Young People—Mrs. Dewey Dofflemyer.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Austin Kipps.
Juniors—Mrs. Clyde Koon.
Spiritual Life—Mrs. Noah Painter.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. Harold Rhodes.
Literature—Miss Verdie Showalter.
Family Life—Mrs. E. J. Rohart.
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. Orville Hoover.

MRS. AMY KIBLER,
MRS. ROY HOSAFLOOK,
MRS. EDGAR NELSON.

The installation of officers was conducted by Miss Helen Frances Smith, and following the prayer, the conference was adjourned.

MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER, *President,*
MRS. HOWARD T. HENSLEY, *Secretary.*

Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference

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SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA,
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1950.

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THEME: *"Thy Will To Do."*

MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its thirty-eighth annual session on October 3, 1950, with the Suffolk Christian Church, Suffolk, Va. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. W. T. Harrell, at 10:10 a. m.

Hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King." Meditation, "Thy Will to Do," Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

The Report of the President was made by Mrs. W. T. Harrell as follows:

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

This year 1949-50 has been filled with busy and happy days, for I have met so many nice people all over the entire Eastern Virginia Conference area and have discovered so many worthwhile and important things being done by our women's groups in our churches. It has been a wonderful privilege to visit you and observe work being done in the name of the Master whose joy it was to do his Father's will.

Last November I attended the Joint Fellowship assembly at the Cleveland Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. I will long remember the fellowship with so many Christian women; the inspiring messages of great Christian leaders; the World Friendship Banquet presided over by our own beloved Dr. Ruth I Seabury. My report of the Assembly was given at each of our three District Leaders' Institutes in February. But here, may I express my deep gratitude to you women of the Eastern Virginia Wmoan's Missionary Conference for sharing part of my expense thus making this opportunity possible. The high quality of the sessions and outstanding speakers made this a memorable experience.

District Leaders' Institutes were instituted this year for the first time. They were held in February at the following places, Wakefield (Burton's Grove as host church), South Norfolk, and Suffolk. With the assistance of our District Superintendents, I arranged all three of these institutes.

This year our Spring Rallies were combined so that only one rally was held in the form of a Family Life Institute. This was arranged in order to have the services of Dr. Paul Reynolds, National Family Life Secretary. We will have three Spring Rallies next year; one in each of the three districts. The dates are as follows: Waverly, March 27th; Suffolk, March 28th; and Norfolk, March 29th.

I gave book reviews on the current mission theme in the following places: Bethlehem (Cypress Chapel and Liberty Spring attending), Newport News, Congregational Christian Temple (Bay View and Little Creek attending), Holy Neck, Mt. Zion, Berea (Nansemond), Isle of Wight (Antioch and Windsor attending), and First Church, Portsmouth (Elm Avenue attending). A missionary address on the current theme was given by your president at Johnson's Grove Church in August.

I have written many letters and cards about our work. I have answered every letter or card promptly giving you whatever assistance you desired.

Your president is a member of the Woman's Convention Board, the Mission Board and the Executive Committee of the Elon College Sustaining Fund. Most of these bodies meet twice a year—and sometimes more.

To the members of our Woman's Missionary Conference Board, I wish to express my thanks, for you have been so cooperative in carrying the suggested program into our local women's groups. A special word of appreciation to Mrs. L. W. Stagg, our retiring secretary, who has worked so diligently in helping me carry on the work of our conference.

May we prayerfully begin the year 1950-51 by dedicating ourselves, our strength, our gifts, and our talents to do the will of our Father.

Respectfully submitted,

MATTIE ROSE HARRELL.

Prayer by Rev. Duane N. Vore.

Reports of District Superintendents were read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF WAVERLY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

Churches in District	11
Women's Socities in District	7
Young People's Groups	7
Children's Groups	4
Cradle Rolls	4

WOMAN'S SOCITIES.

Women enrolled in District	89
Socities using packet	6
Receiving "Guide Posts"	5
Have well planned Devotional Programs	6
Socities using Study Books	7
Socities sending new items to *The Christian Sun*	4
Socities conducting Bible Study	6

(Two churches did not report number enrolled)

YOUNG PEOPLE.

Young People enrolled	47
Using Mission Study Book	4
Using Packets	3
Contributions to Missions through Woman's Board, S. S. or other agencies	7
Subscribing to "Pilgrim Youth"	1
Sending Friendly Service Gifts	3
Young People attending Conference (Camps)	5
Active Cradle Rolls	4
Having Friendly Service project 4 to 6	0
Having Cradle Roll Party for Mothers	1

FRIENDLY SERVICE.

Friendly service gifts to migrants in Florida, Carroll County Mission, Fancy Gap and Orphanage, Miss Angie Crew, 2 displaced couples, Overseas Relief, 2 families in Czecheslovakia, Elon College, Red Cross, Fort Lee, Virginia.

FAMILY LIFE.

Socities having Family Life Chairman	4
Socities observing Family Life Week in May	4
Socities having other Family Life activities during year	3

(Dendron distributed literature, sent cheer bocklets and cards to shut-ins; Waverly had activities in church and among Young People's Groups; Bethlehem-Begonia had Golden Anniversary party for local couple and picnic for families.)

Socities observing World Day of Prayer	7
Socities observing World Community Day	5
Socities observing May Fellowship Day	4
Socities having representative at Fall Conference	6

Socities have representatives at Spring Rally 7
Socities making quarterly reports to Conference Treasurer 7
Socities contributing to Thank Offering 7
(Amount not reported by any church)

VISUAL AIDS.

Socities that own Visual Aid equipment 0
(Dendron had projector available)

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

Life Memberships: Mrs. Garland Spratley—Dendron; Mrs. Nellie Burton—Burton's Grove.
Memorials: Mrs. Annie L. Carpentar—Waverly; Mrs. Bessie D. West—Waverly; Miss Lille Burton—Wakefield.
Lost by Death: Mrs. Annie L. Carpentar—Waverly; Mrs. Bessie D. West—Waverly; Miss Lillie Burton—Wakefield.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Amount raised in District by Women	$ 187.00
(One church did not report amount of apportionment.)	
Amount raised by Young People	55.00
Amount raised by Juniors (amount not reported)	
Amount raised by Cradle Roll (amount not reported)	
Thank Offering (amount not reported)	
Memorials	30.00
Life Memberships	20.00
	$ 292.00

(Dendron Church reported Juniors made contribution but did not report amount.)

PRESIDENTS OF SOCIETIES IN DISTRICT.

Richmond—Mrs. Annie Virden, 7603 Hollins Road, Richmond, Va.
Waverly—Mrs. F. E. Knoeller, Waverly, Va.
Wakefield—Mrs. W. A. Bailey, Waverly, Va.
Dendron—Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron, Va.
New Lebanon—Mrs. John Savedge, Elberon, Va.
Hopewell—Mrs. John Powell, 408 N. 8th St., Hopewell, Va.
Spring Hill—Mrs. G. C. White, Waverly, Va.
Burton's Grove—Mrs. Lina S. Garner, Wakefield, Va.
Bethlehem (Disp.)—Mrs. Edward Bresco, 1623 Mt. Vernon Ave., Petersburg, Va.

MRS. J. F. BROWN, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF SUFFOLK DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

During the past year, we have witnessed many changes because of world conditions. Some of our missionaries have been recalled from the Far East. However, our beloved Dick and Dorothy Jackson and Dr. and Mrs. Riggs, prefeering to remain in China, have continued their ministry. Having dedicated themselves completely to God's service, they are prefectly willing to give their lives if need be. May our continued prayers sustain them and our support increase.

With this challenge before them, the women of the Suffolk District have during the past year, endeavored to dedicate themselves more completely to the Master's work. Through prayerful planning and cooperation the work has been most gratifying and I wish to thank every officer and member who has made it possible.

In the nineteen churches there are twenty organized Woman's Missionary Socities, with a combined membership of 957. This shows a loss of five members during the year. Perhaps this could be improved if all of the socities would put forth a greater effort in the solicitation of new members for the ensuring year.

Each group has presented a well-planned devotional service for each meeting and all have conducted the Bible Study.

All socities have sent in detailed reports. They reported using the packet and study books. Seventeen used the *Guide Posts* and *Missionary Herald.* In the twenty

socities there are 421 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun,* 56 to *Missionary Herald,* 44 to *Guide Posts,* 9 to *Advance* and 11 to *Church Women.*

Nineteen socities sent Friendly Service gifts. Thirteen gifts were sent to the Migrant Center, West Palm Beach, Florida, and nine to Japan. Franklinton, Carroll County, Elon Orphanage, C. M. A., C. W. V. R., and the T. B. Seal were also assisted through Friendly Service. Seventeen groups contributed to Community Service projects by remembering the needy and shut-ins. One group conducted devotionals with shut-ins. Another group contributed $1,101.00 on the Building Fund for the parsonage. Another group installed a stove, new floors and venetian blinds in the Community Hall and another group contributed $30.00 for a visual aid projector.

Only four groups own visual aid equipment. One society has access to Veteran's Administration Equipment. Fourteen groups reported having used visual aid with borrowed equipment and two viewed pictures with other groups.

Nineteen socities sent Thank Offerings to our Conference Treasurer.

Twenty socities observed the World Day of Prayer, while eighteen observed World Community Day and seventeen observed May Fellowship Day, most of the groups cooperating with other churches.

Fifteen reported having a Family Life Chairman and fifteen observed National Family Life Week.

Fourteen socities gave a total of twenty-one Life Memberships and ten gave a total of eighteen Memorial Certificates.

Seventeen Young People's groups have received missionary education. Sixteen used the packet and seventeen used the study books. Thirteen socities gave Friendly Service gifts. Probably we should stress this phase of our work more, since we grow by sharing. Three Life Memberships were given. Last year six Life Memberships and Memorials were given. Timothy is making a splendid record at Duke and he is depending upon our support through this channel. Let's not fail him. I wish to explain that this year has been a period of transition for the Young People but with their enthusiasm, devotion to missions and increased membership, we feel assured that their achievement will exceed past averages during the ensuring year.

There are sixteen Children's Socities in our District. Fourteen used study books and twelve gave Friendly Service gifts. They have ten subscriptions to *Children's Religion.* One society contributed to the Thank Offering.

We have seventeen Cradle Roll Societies reporting. Sixteen of these held a program and party and five sent Friendly Service gifts.

The total sum of money sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board by all of the groups in the Suffolk District amounted to $5,584.31.

The Family Life Institute, sponsored by the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference, was held at Oakland Christian Church on March 23. The attendance was excellent and the program most helpful. We are grateful to Mrs. Joseph L. Moulton, Missionary to India, for a very impressive devotional service and to Dr. Paul Reynolds for his convincing address and wise counsel.

ACHIVEMENT RATINGS.

WOMEN.

Active Societies—Eure, Johnson's Grove, Suffolk (Staley).

Honor Roll—Antioch, Holland, Holy Neck, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Zion, Oak Grove, Union (Southampton).

Superior—Berea, Bethlehem, Cypress Cahpel, Damascus, Franklin, Liberty Spring, Oaklond, Suffolk (H. & F.), Windsor.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

Active Socities—Berea, Cypress Chapel, Eure, Franklin, Holland, Holy Neck, Mt. Zion, Oak Grove, Oakland, Suffolk, Union (So.), Windsor.

Superior—Bethlehem, Damascus, Liberty Spring.

JUNIORS.

Standard of Excellence—Antioch, Berea, Bethlehem, Cypress Chapel, Eure, Franklin, Holland, Holy Neck, Liberty Spring, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Zion, Oakland, Suffolk (H. & F.), Union (So.), Windsor.

Mrs. T. Hayes Holland of the Franklin Church, has been elected to serve as the new superintendent of the Suffolk District. With her capable leadership and the fine

spirit of cooperation and consecration of the women of the Suffolk District, we are looking forward to a fruitful year ahead as we seek the fulfillment of our theme "Thy Will to Do."

Our missionary work cannot be over-emphasized! "For unto whom much is given, of him shall be much required." In our unfinished task today, we face a world with sin more organized than at any time since Christ dwelt among men. However, Christians have the answer and that is the love of Christ. What will we do with Jesus? That is more important than the rest of life put together. The wrong answer can ruin everything; the right answer can save the world.

"Life is a leaf of paper white
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night.
Greatly begin, though thou have time
But for a line, be that sublime,—
No failure, but low aim, is crime,"

MRS. A. C. MOORE, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF NORFOLK DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

There are eleven active Missionary Socities in the Norfolk District with an enrollment of 534 members, an increase of 34 over last year.

All of the socities reported well planned devotional programs at each meeting, and each have completed the Bible Study. Eleven observed the World Day of Prayer together with other churches. Nine observed World Community Day and eight May Fellowship Day.

There are 223 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun;* 48 to *The Missionay Herald;* 15 to *Guide Post;* 5 to *Advance;* and 15 to *The Church Woman.* Nine socities have sent news items to *The Christian Sun.*

Four of our churches have their own Visual Aid equipment which is available to the socities. Two have the privilege of borrowed equipment and six socities have enjoyed the inspiration derived from the use of films and slides. There is a desire among the women of my particular church for more films of our own work.

Twelve socities gave Life Memberships and Memorials totaling 16. The South Norfolk society gave 5 Life Memberships, the largest number contributed by any organization. Nine observed National Family Week and ten sent a Thank Offering to the Conference Treasurer.

Through Friendly Service we extend a helping hand to the needy in Japan, to Miss Angie Crew, Germany and the Migrant Work in our own country. Also provided for under privileged children at Christmas; baskets for the needy at Thanksgiving; fruit and flowers for the sick; "Pieces for Peace;" contribution for the new church at Fancy Gap; money for a Sunday School plant; gift to hospital; United Church Service and Elon Orphanage.

Nine Young People's Societies are reported. Each of these used the Packet and conducted Bible Study. Seven reported Friendly Service activities. The total enrollment at our summer camps was 48.

The active Cradle Roll organizations number 7. Six societies have had their Cradle Roll party. The Junior children are not reported organized but in two churches they contribute through the Cradle Roll and participate in their parties.

Five societies have attained the goals of a Superior Society, one has met the requirements of an Honor Roll Society and five aehicved the goals of an Active Society. All have submitted their annual reports to the District Superintendent. May I at this point express my appreciation for your interest, promptness and effort during the past year to make this year the best yet record year for your society.

The Spring Rally for the Norfolk District was held at the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church. Mrs. W. T. Harrell and Mrs. W. B. Williams were our speakers, bringing to us a thrilling account of the mid-winter meeting of the Congregational Christian and E. and R. women in Cleveland. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill was present and gave a most interesting talk on the literature and proved, as always, delightfully helpful in directing the course of study.

WOMEN.

Active Socities—Bay View, Berea (Great Bridge), Norfolk, First, Norfolk, Second, Portsmouth, Shelton Memorial.

Honor Roll Societies—Rosemont.

Superior Socities—Christian Temple, Little Creek, Newport News, Portsmouth, First, South Norfolk.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

Active Socities—Bay View, Berea (Great Bridge), Christian Temple, Newport News, Portsmouth, First, Rosemont, Shelton Memorial, South Norfolk.

Honor Roll—Little Creek.

CRADLE ROLL.

Active Societies—Berea (Great Bridge), Christian Temple, Little Creek, Newport News, Portsmouth, First, Rosemont, Shelton Memorial, South Norfolk.

The women of the Norfolk District have endeavored to dedicate themselves to the work of the Master during the past year. They have put their best effort in their work. As the new year approaches and we go forth with our aim "Thy Will to Do" resounding in our hearts and minds, may we ever remember

"Tis the Human Touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine;
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And the bread lasts but a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sing in the soul alway."

MRS. L. W. VAUGHAN, *Superintendent.*

Roll call of churches by districts as follows:

Suffolk District—19 of the 20 churches responded, 239 present;

Waverly District—6 of the 9 churches responded, 37 present;

Norfolk District—All of the 12 churches responded, 149 present.

Total attendance—415.

The following visitors and new ministers were recognized: Dr. Ruth Isabel Seabury, Foreign Mission secretary of the American Board; Mrs. O. H. Paris, president of the Woman's Mission Board of the Southern Convention; Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, educational secretary of the Southern Convention; Rev. H. M. George, Elm Avenue Church; Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., Holland Church.

Thirteen ministers were present.

The secretary was requested to write and express regret at the absence of the following: Dr. W. T. Scott, Mrs. J. F. Brown, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Morgan, Mrs. George Highsmith. Also a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Luther Grice whose husband passed away on Sunday, October 1.

Mrs. O. H. Paris addressed the conference on the subject, "Thy Will to Do with a Christian Spirit."

Hymn, "Before the Cross."

Literature was presented by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

SOCIETY:	*Apportionment*	*Thank Offering*	*Total Paid*
Antioch	$ 60.00	$ 8.00	$ 88.00
Berea (Nansemond)	102.00	75.00	187.00
Berea (Great Bridge)	57.00		67.00
Bethlehem	186.00	35.00	344.00
Cypress Chapel	108.00	13.04	131.04
Cypress Chapel (Agnes Brittle Cir.)	56.50		56.60
Dendron	71.00	11.25	94.25
Eure	52.80		67.80
Franklin	308.00	100.00	418.00
Holland	160.00	32.35	242.35
Holy Neck	150.00	38.50	223.50
Hopewell	9.55		9.55
Isle of Wight	60.00	15.00	85.00
Johnson's Grove	11.00	54.50	65.50
Liberty Spring	216.00	67.50	308.50
Mt. Carmel	60.00	11.00	81.00
Mt. Zion	30.00	10.00	50.00
Newport News	140.00	100.00	260.00
Norfolk:			
Bay View	76.25	18.50	132.75
Christian Temple	375.00	83.10	503.10
First, Norfolk	75.00	40.00	115.00
Little Creek	30.00	20.00	70.00
Rosemont	220.10	55.00	295.10
Second, Norfolk	34.35	22.00	56.35
Oak Grove	38.30	10.83	69.13
Oakland	91.00	50.00	161.00
Portsmouth:			
First, Portsmouth	100.00	34.00	149.00
Shelton Memorial	57.00	16.30	103.30
Richmond, First	65.00	15.00	90.00
South Norfolk	110.10	55.00	225.10
Spring Hill	11.00	6.87	17.87
Suffolk	660.00	125.00	955.00
Suffolk (Staley Society)	220.00	82.00	322.00
Sunbury (Damascus)	102.50	18.00	140.50
Union (Southampton)	50.65	5.00	70.65
Wakefield	69.40	15.50	94.90
Waverly	57.50	5.00	82.50
Windsor	101.00	10.50	131.50
Totals For Women	$4,382.00	$1,258.74	$6,563.74
Young People			
Berea (Nansemond)	$ 33.00		$ 33.00
Berea (Great Bridge)	5.00		5.00
Bethlehem	101.25	$ 20.00	136.25
Burton's Grove	30.50	5.50	46.00
Cypress Chapel	75.00		87.50
Dendron	27.00		29.00
Eure	17.60		17.60
Franklin	26.00		26.00
Holland	16.00	5.00	36.00
Holy Neck	43.00		43.00
Liberty Spring	65.00	16.00	96.00
Mt. Carmel	27.00	11.00	38.00

SOCIETY:	*Apportionment*	*Thank Offering*	*Total Paid*
Mt. Zion	9.00		9.00
New Lebanon	25.00	5.05	30.05
Newport News C. E.	25.00		25.00
Newport News (High School C. E.)	12.00		12.00
Norfolk:			
Bay View	7.00		7.00
Christian Temple	35.00		35.00
Christian Temple (Intermediates)	20.00		20.00
Little Creek	10.00		10.00
Rosemont	30.00		30.00
Oak Grove	8.80		8.80
Oakland	35.00		35.00
Portsmouth, First	25.50		25.50
Richmond, First	10.00		10.00
South Norfolk	20.00		20.00
Suffolk	60.00		60.00
Sunbury (Damascus)	20.00	3.00	33.00
Union (Southampton)	20.61	3.00	23.61
Waverly	10.00		10.00
Windsor	40.00	10.50	50.50
Totalt For Young People	$ 889.26	$ 79.05	$1,047.81

Juniors

Antioch	$ 16.00		$ 16.00
Berea (Nansemond)	27.75		27.75
Berea (Great Bridge	2.00		2.00
Bethlehem	28.50	$ 7.00	35.50
Cypress Chapel	15.00		15.00
Dendron	4.55		4.55
Eure	4.40		4.40
Franklin	31.00		32.50
Holland	20.00		20.00
Holy Neck	22.00		22.00
Liberty Spring	28.40	5.00	33.40
Mt. Carmel	15.50		15.50
Mt. Zion	4.00		4.00
Newport News	12.00		12.00
Norfolk:			
Bay View	6.25		12.00
Christian Temple (Junior and Primary)	31.00		31.00
Little Creek	7.00		15.62
Rosemont	21.30		21.30
Oakland	5.50		5.50
Portsmouth, First	12.50		12.50
South Norfolk	15.00		15.00
Suffolk	40.00		40.00
Suffolk (Primary)	10.00		10.00
Union (Southampton)	5.37		5.37
Waverly	5.00		5.00
Windsor	26.88		26.88
Totals For Juniors	$ 416.90	$ 12.00	$ 439.02

Cradle Roll	*Contributions*
Berea (Nansemond)	$ 18.67
Berea (Great Bridge)	8.00
Bethlehem	73.00
Cypress Cahpel	19.84
Dendron	7.10

	Contributions
Eure	4.40
Franklin	11.00
Holland	11.55
Holy Neck	20.00
Liberty Spring (Including $5.00 Thank Offering)	30.00
Mt. Carmel	72.25
Mt. Zion	4.00
Newport News	31.85
Norfolk:	
Christian Temple	8.38
Little Creek	4.00
Rosemont	28.10
Oak Grove	5.00
Oakland	14.00
Portsmouth, First	4.00
Portsmouth, Shelton Memorial	13.00
South Norfolk (Cradle Roll and Primary)	5.00
Suffolk	26.57
Union (Southampton)	18.00
Wakefield	12.62
Waverly	2.50
Windsor	11.00
Totals For Cradle Roll	$ 463.83

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1949	$ 167.15
Offering Young People's Conference, October 5, 1949	24.00
Offering Woman's Conference, October 6, 1949	80.00
Offering Family Life Institute, March 23, 1950	92.82
Woman's Socities Apportionment	4,382.00
Young People's Socities Apportionment	889.26
Junior Socities Apportionment	416.90
Cradle Roll Contributions	458.83
Life Memberships	380.00
Memorials	281.00
Thank Offering	1,354.79
Friendly Service	154.62
Christian World Missions	25.00
Church Extension	25.00
Young People's Overseas Worker	47.00
Special Offering for Shaowu	100.00
Total Receipts	$8,878.37

Disbursements.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Board, The Southern Convention	$8,514.40
West and Withers (Renew Treasurer's Bond)	5.00
Convention Office (Supplies for Report Booklets)	19.11
Gurley Press (Programs for Young People's Conference)	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Harrell (Part Expense to Cleveland Meeting)	50.00
Trevvett, Christian Co. (Programs Woman's Meeting)	17.00
Suffolk Floral Gardens	7.50
Gurley Press (Stationery)	9.00
Dr. Paul Reynolds (Family Life Inst. Speaker)	15.00
Suffolk Floral Gardens	7.50
Franklin Printing Co. (Treasurer's Report Blanks)	7.50
Virginia Council of Church Women	50.00
Franklin Printing Co. (Printing Treasurer's Receipt Books)	6.25

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill (Covers for Programs for Family Life Institute)	6.30	
Bank Service Charges (September 1949-July 1950)	2.60	
Mrs. L. W. Stagg (Expense of Secretary)	5.16	
		8,777.57
Balance in Treasury		$ 100.80

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer,*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined, in detail, all the records of Mrs. W. B. Williams, treasurer of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference, and I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge there have been accurately kept and faithfully recorded all funds handled by her in behalf of the conference. The balance as shown in her report, $100.80, agrees with the bank balance as reported by the bank.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Auditor.*

Committees were appointed as follows:

Nominations—Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Mrs. M. B. Zoll, Mrs. W. A. Grissom.

Place of Meeting—Mrs. Edward Johnson.

Recommendations were read by the secretary, and action was deferred until the afternoon session.

Solo, "Come Unto Me," by Mrs. J. R. Vick.

Dr. Ruth Isabel Seabury was introduced to the conference by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill. Dr. Seabury brought a great message on her recent two years in Japan.

An offering was taken, amounting to $118.69.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2:00 p. m Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." Prayer by Mrs. Herbert P. Harrell.

Reports of Departmental Leaders were adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE INTERDENOMINATION COOPERATION SUPERINTENDENT.

Register! REGISTER!! REGISTER!!!

Will you be counted among the million Protestant Women when the Fifth National Council of Church Women meets in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 13-15? The Ecumenical Register was explained at the Family Institute held at Oakland on March 23 and envelopes were distributed. At the District Leaders' meetings which were held at Wakefield, South Norfolk and Suffolk last spring the presidents of the socities were requested to give their members an opportunity to be listed as one of the first million women who had contributed one dollar for the enrichment of the life and work of women in the church, and for the growing unity of Christians. If you have not sent in your registration envelope, it is not too late to do so. A few weeks ago it was reported to me the women of the Congregational Christian Churches in Virginia stood third. I wish we could lead all the rest of our State!

World Community Day is not far off, on November 3rd our women will think upon the theme, "Love Thy Neighbor," last year thirty socities brought their offerings and Pieces for Peace to the altar to be dedicated to the honor of those women in other countries who need our love and care. What is the meaning of Peace? How can it come?

Love Thy Neighbor!

Begin now to plan for the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent. The 1951 theme will be "Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear." More and more we are having fellowship with the women of other denominations on this day. Last year thirty-eight groups blended their prayers with women all around the world.

"Our Daily Bread" was the theme for May Fellowship Day last year. The observance of this day is increasing with luncheons or services held with women of the *whole* community, *twenty-nine* socities participated last year. "Thank God for Work" will be discussed in 1951. An opportunity will be given the Women of the Church to seek those who are employed, expressing to them hope and strength for carrying out His will at their daily tasks.

We have not been unmindful of women and children of other lands. Gifts of clothing, money, and material have been sent through Church World Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland.

Although we have about *thirty* subscribers to the *Church Women,* it is essential for more to become readers of this publication which keeps us informed of the projects and interests of this fellowship of which we are a part.

Christian Women are the *minds* through which Christ thinks, the *hearts* through which Christ loves, the *voices* through which Christ speaks, the *hands* through which Christ helps. "The work of our hands . . . establish Thou it". . . to do Thy will united for the work of the Kingdom of God.

JENNIE B. SPRATLEY, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FAMILY LIFE.

In March of this year I was asked to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. J. B. Gibson as Superintendent of Family Life. During these six months I have recommended, to many of the socities, literature for enriching family life and helpful programs for the observance of Family Week. I prepared one article for *The Christian Sun* encouraging attendance at the Family Life Institute and trying to interest all of our socities in the National Family Week Movement.

It is gratiyying to learn that about three-fourths of our socities have a Family Life Chairman and have sponsored worth-while programs for their church families.

In my contacts with several local Presidents I have learned that various ways have been used to emphasize the importance of family activity in the churches. Several of our socities sponsored Family Night Suppers and other social activities for family participation. One church, to my knowledge, observed Family Sunday by having all families in the parish to sit as family units. Others had movies or slides depicting family solidarity and afterwards had a social period. A considerable amount of literature for developing Christian Family Life was distributed by many of our churches.

A packet of books on *Family Life* has been available for the Eastern Virginia Women during the past five months, but as yet, they have not gotten into very many churches.

It is decidedly encouraging to observe the Christian Family Participation in Worship and Service is growing among our Eastern Virginia Women. Only the future will be able to reveal the fruits of their labor.

May I encourage each Family Life Superintendent to use every possible means, during the new year, to develop greater family participation in the work of the home and the Church.

LOLYA P. NEESE, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE SUPERINTENDENT.

The aims of the Spiritual Life Department for this year have been fourfold.

1. To see that time is taken at every meeting of every group of the Woman's Fellowship, large or small, for a well-planned devotional service.
2. To encourage and stimulate the practice of personal quiet hour and family worship in the homes of the members.
3. To build libraries of devotional books in the local church and arrange for the circulation and use of these books.

4. Finally, and perhaps the most important of all, to contribute in every way possible to the spiritual growth of the members by lifting the concept of the meaning of church attendance, full, intelligent participation in *all* the work of the church.

We hope that all of our groups have followed through with this program. This year has held the possibilities of great spiritual growth and enrichment for all the women in our Fellowship through the wonderful writings of St. John, which we were priviledged to study. Also numerous other devotional life aids that were made available to every group.

Any group of intelligent women can conduct a perfect business meeting by observing rules of parliamentary law, or do great things for a needy community project, but it is definitely the business of the Church Woman to put emphasis on the building of the spiritual life of our church groups and in our own personal lives. Won't you, as Mothers, encourage your families in the strengthening of their daily devotions?

The spiritual life centers in our capacity to maintain awareness of God in the heart of daily experience. Brother Lawrence found him in the clatter of his kitchen. Matthew Arnold was aware "amid the city's jar, that there abides a peace of Thine." Jesus knew God in nights of prayer, in the grass of the field, in the faces of little children, in the heart of the Magdalene.

Each of us can know him as we will. Spirituality is a matter of discipline leading into understanding—exercise unto Godliness. Spiritual people train themselves to sense the presence of God in life at its best. Anyone can do this. The essence of spiritual discipline is for each to discover the most promising values in her own life and purposely to direct her attention to them confidently expecting to meet her God. We shall see what we have trained ourselves to see.

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind,
Forgive our fev'rish way;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

—*Whittier.*

Our Bible study for the new year is "Great Bible Prayers" by Mrs. S. H. Askey. In her introduction the author says, "full and constant use of your Bible is necessary to make these studies worthwhile. These are great prayers, by great pray-ers, from the greatest prayer book known to men! What a great growth in all our lives we should find as we study together these Great Bible Prayers." I commend this booklet to you for Bible study for the coming year.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15.

MRS. JAMES H. DULING, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL SUPERINTENDENT.

I regret information could not be obtained to complete this report.

Suffolk District—Socities, 20; 16 held the Annual Party.

Norfolk District—Socities 10; 245 on roll; 6 held Annual Party.

Waverly District—Socities 4.

Most of the socities used the suggested literature such as missions and Bible stories.

The offering is included in the treasurer's Annual Report.

MRS. GEORGE HIGHSMITH, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT.

1. Again I would like to urge you in your various churches to select, for your children's leader, a person who loves children and understands them. Children are always friendly and also close observers. They readily learn the people who love them and from them they easily learn the worth-while lessons of life. From them lasting impressions are made. May we begin to make them missionary minded.

2. If possible, this year select one Home Study Book and one Foreign Study Book. Suggested Home book, "The Busy Berrys"; suggested Foreign book, "They Live in Bible Lands." Guides for each book are available.

3. Help the children to realize that a church is necessary to rich community liv-

ing and lead them to desire to promote in their own small ways Christian work in their own home neighborhood and throughout the world.

4. Try in your Foreign Study to teach your children more about Bible Lands as they are today, and about the people who live there. Help them to think of them as their friends. Recall to their minds what happened in these lands in Bible times and start them finding out what has happened since. Discuss with them some of the gifts that have come to us from these lands.

5. Help them prepare and send Friendly Service gifts to these friends they have studied about. Suggested places for these gifts will be found in the Children's Year Book. Especially help them with making gifts for children; this appeals and encourage them to do things with their hands. Suggest that they gather Octagon soap wrappers for their little friends at the Orphanage.

6. Last, may the year book prepared for you this year help guide you in your study in your Children's Department.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALTER C. SEELY.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

Our attitude toward young people and their work should not be of such a nature as to give the idea that young people are just preparing to become citizens of the Kingdom and serve, but rather that they are already a vital part and everyone has a definite place to fill. "Remember, now thy Creater in the days of thy youth."

The calendar of the young people of Eastern Virginia has been filled with activities of a very high type during the past year. Not only have thirty-three churches had organized groups (five of which are new organizations) which have been active in their own churches, but many achievements have been realized as a conference or a part of the Southern Convention.

The Spring Rally held at Holland, and the Young People's Missionary Conference at Suffolk were well attended and programs of a high type well presented.

The Young People of this conference cooperated with other conferences of the Southern Convention in sending Max Vestal to a work camp in Italy, and are looking forward to his visit and report next spring.

A very successful camp which was a project of Eastern Virginia was held at Chespeake Beach for junior high boys and girls with an attendance of about one hundred. A senior high camp was held at Elon as a Convention project with an attendance of approximately one hundred.

Mrs. W. B. Williams and Jack Byrd were our delegates to the National Convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

At a meeting of the young people comprising the members of the Young People's Missionary Conference and Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship the following plan was adopted:

We recommend to the Young People's Missionary Conference and to the members of Pilgrim Fellowship that the two organizations be united under one set of officers. At the same time we recommend that if this should be done the name of the over-all organization be changed, suggesting—Youth Fellowship.

Money from this organization which had previously been sent to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionay Conference would continue to go to her. Money for other Pilgrim Fellowship projects would go to the treasurer of the Youth Organization.

We believe that this plan would necessitate a reapportionment of the churches and feel that this could be done by the individual churches.

The organization would hold two annual meetings, one in the spring and the other in the fall. The spring meeting would be devoted to the projects of Pilgrim Fellowship while the emphasis at the fall meeting would be missions.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Jack Byrd, and others of us who are interested in the young people's work met with groups in all three districts of our conference September 17, 18 and 21, and discussed plans for the coming year. These meetings I feel will prove most helpful.

The greatest work of all done by the young people of our conference cannot be accurately given in this report. The greatest things are being done in their home churches where they are modestly working to strengthen and build up their own church and to send the good news to the uttermost parts of the earth.

MRS R. E. BRITTLE, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

Antioch—Mrs. Mary Gardner, Mrs. J. T. Godwin.
Berea (Great Bridge)—Mrs. Lessie Walton.
Bethlehem—Mrs. H. H. Byrd, Sr., Mrs. C. W. Darden, Mrs. Clifton J. Duke, Mrs. Raleigh Fanney, Miss Joyce Ann Harrell (Y. P.), Mrs. A. C. Moore, Mrs. O. L. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Taylor.
Burton's Grove—Mrs. Nellie Burton (Y. P.).
Cypress Chapel—Mrs. Kattie Brinkley, Tommie Ellis (Y. P.).
Dendron—Mrs. Garland Spratley.
Eure—Mrs. Mary Parker Eure.
Franklin—Mrs. Darden W. Jones.
Holland—Mrs. H. B. Everett, Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.
Isle of Wight——Mrs. Cora T. Wilson.
Liberty Spring—Mrs. Eliz. J. Harrell (Y. P.).
Mt. Carmel—Rev. Ellis N. Clark.
Mt. Zion—Mrs. Emma Etta Martin.
Norfolk, Bay View—Mrs. W. J. Wicks.
Norfolk, Christian Temple—Mrs. Charles C. Johnson.
Oak Grove—Mrs. R. M. Smalls.
Portsmouth, First—Mrs. R. F. Edwards.
South Norfolk—Mrs. R. L. Blades, Mrs. Florence Drew, Mrs. Loue Gimbert, Mrs. Fannie Rawls, Mrs. I. M. Spain.
Suffolk—Mrs. J. C. Philhower.
Sunbury (Damascus)—Mrs. J. R. Corbitt, Jarvis Winslow (Y. P.).
Union (Southampton)—Mrs. W. L. Bradshaw.
Windsor—Mrs. W. H. Turner, Mrs. W. S. Wilkinson.

MEMORIALS.

Berea (Nansemond)—Mrs. Frank M. Pierce.
Bethlehem—Thomas Earl Byrd (infant), Mrs. Percey E. Johnson, Mrs. Ernest Oliver.
Holand—Mrs. R. H. Reidel.
Holy Neck—Mrs. M. J. March.
Liberty Spring—Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Mrs. John Rawles.
Newport News—Mr. R. L. Baker.
Norfolk, Bay View—Mr. L. R. Bartholomew.
Little Creek—Mrs. F. M. Taylor.
Rosemont—Mrs. Sally Roane, Mr. Oscar F. Smith.
Oak Grove—Mr. Waverly Parker.
Oakland—Mrs. Mary Boykin, Mrs. Alice Chatman Saunders.
Portsmouth, Shelton Memorial—Rev, Frank H. Lewis, D. D.
Richmond, First—Mrs. Ada Virginia Long Mitchell.
South Norfolk—Mrs. Rebecca S. Moore.
Suffolk—Mrs. W. J. Boyett, Mrs. J. D. Cross, Mrs. C. B. Deford, Mrs. Annie Hayes, Mrs. J. D. Luke.
Suffolk, Staley Society—Mrs. Cora Gardner Jones.
Sunbury (Damascus)—Mrs. Cora Lassiter Hofler.
Wakefield—Miss Lillie Burton.
Waverly—Mrs. Annie L. Carpentar (Ladies Aid), Mrs. Bessie D. West.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. ROY BRINKLEY, *Superintendent.*

The Report on Friendly Service was given orally by Mrs. R. T. Bradford, who made a strong appeal for the support of the home and foreign projects as listed in the 1950-51 Year Book. Dr. Ruth Seabury spoke to this report, giving her own experience with the desperately needy and worthy victims of postwar areas.

The Recommendations were reread and voted upon by items as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. That the goal for the ensuing year be $10,000.00.

2nd. That the November Thank Offering be used to renovate and redecorate the Whitley Auditorium at Elon College, North Carolina. (Mrs. R. T. Bradford spoke to this item, telling of how the Thank Offering had been used for Home and Foreign educational work, and urged that this year, these funds be used for our own Elon.)

3rd. That we give $25.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches.

4th. That in view of the expansion of our work, a committee be appointed to restudy our financial goals for local societies, and increase them as may seem advisable.

5th. That the revised constitution be left with the Constitution Committee for further study, and submitted to the conference at the next annual session.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. W. STAGG, *Chairman,*
MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY,
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Nominating Committee for 1950-51, submits the following slate for Officers of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference—and Superintendents of the various Departments of said Conference. Also, the newly elected District Superintendents, which are to approved by this body,—and Delegates from the various societies, to the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, which meets on May 1 and 2, 1951:

Officers:

President—Mrs. William T. Harrell.
First Vice-President and Chairman of Friendly Service—
Mrs. Garland W. Spratley.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Ray F. Gordon.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Superintendents:

Young People—Mrs. R. E. Brittle.
Children—Mrs. W. C. Seely.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Herbert G. Councill.
Christian Family Life—Mrs. J Everette Neese.
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. W. H. Johnson.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. Roy Brinkley.
Literature—Mrs. W. V. Leathers.
Spiritual Life—Mrs. J. H. Duling.
Visual Aids—Mrs. A. C. Moore.

District Superintendents:

Norfolk District—Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Jr.
Suffolk District—Mrs. T. Hayes Holland.
Wavery District—Mrs. Garland W. Spratley.

Delegates to Woman's Missionary Convention:

Norfolk District:

Bay View—Mrs. B. G. Harrell. Berea (Great Bridge)—Mrs. E. E. Waterfield. Christian Temple—Mrs. Thomas K. Gery, Mrs. Joe Watson, Mrs. J Millard Stevens, Mrs. A. B. Jarvis. Little Creek—Mrs. M. E. Taylor (Life Membership), Mrs. W. H. Meyers. Newport News—Mrs. L. J. Brown, Mrs. L. L. Taylor, Mrs. G. G. Givens, Mrs. C. L. Rountree. Norfolk, First—Mrs. B. F. Ingram. Norfolk, Second—Mrs. Estelle Thompson, Mrs. Bernice LeClain. Portsmouth, First—Mrs. E. Whitley, Mrs. Stanley Carne. Portsmouth, Shelton Memorial—Mrs. Stuart R. Moore; Alternate, Mrs. Prudence Garner. Rosemont—Mrs. J. A. Her-

rington, Mrs. J. B. Gibson. South Norfolk—Mrs. H. L. Rawles, Mrs. G. N. Harris, Mrs. E. U. Johnson, Mrs. T. S. Williams. Elm Ave.—Mrs. J. A. Branch.

Suffolk District

Antioch—Mrs. Dana B. Saunders, Mrs. J. L. Gowdin. Berea—Mrs. L. H. Wilroy, Mrs. C. C. Brankley. Bethlehem—Mrs. Roy Mizzelle, Mrs. Paul Yates, Mrs. Merritt Johnson, Mrs. John Pierce. Cypress Chapel—Mrs. J. W. Jones. Damascus—Mrs. J. M. Byrum, Mrs. A. V. Hofler. Eure—Mrs. J. W. Turner. Franklin—Mrs. L. B. Norfleet, Mrs. J. Letcher Eley, Mrs. G. W. Wade, Mrs. Richard H. Rawls, Alternate. Holland—Mrs. T. R. Jones, Mrs. C. T. Daughtrey. Holy Neck—Mrs. C. T. Parker, Mrs. Robert Warren. Isle of Wight—Mrs. J. H. Turner. Johnson's Grove—Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Miss Dana Williams. Liberty Spring —Mrs. Stanley Russsell, Mrs. W. L. Turner. Mt. Carmel—Mrs. J. L. Rose. Mt. Zion—Mrs. J. L. Gray. Oak Grove—Mrs. W. K. Parker. Oakland—Mrs. William B. Simpson, Mrs. Kaye V. Knight. Suffolk, Women's—Mrs. J. C. Webb, Sr., Mrs. Philip Hill, Mrs. Ethel Butler Saunders, Mrs. Hubert Young. Suffolk, W. W. Stanley—Mrs. Holland Ballard, Mrs. N. G. Newman, Jr. Union (Southampton)—Mrs. S. M. Joyner. Windsor—Mrs. Russell Lane, Mrs. Ellis Clark.

Waverly District:

Bethlehem (Disputanta)—Mrs. John Balint, West Hopewell, Va. Burton's Grove (Young People)—Mrs. G. C. Brittle. Dendron—Mrs. W. H. Savedge. Hopewell—Mrs. John Powell. New Lebanon (Young People)—Mrs. John Savedge. Richmond—Mrs. W. F. Parsons. Spring Hill—Mrs. H. J. Wheeler. Wakefield—Mrs. W. L. Wood. Waverly—Mrs. J. E. McCauley, Mrs. O. C. Osborne.

MRS. J. S. ROLLINGS, SR.,
MRS. J. E. MCCAULEY,
MRS. O. D. POYTHRESS.

The report of the Courtesy Committee was adopted as follows:

COURTESY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee wishes to submit the following:

1. That we express appreciation to the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Conference for the planning and excuting of such an excellent program.

2. To Dr. Ruth Seabury for her stirring and thought provoking message our sincere appreciation. To Mrs. O. H. Paris our esteem and appreciation for her words of inspiration. To Mrs. J. R. Vick for the beautiful solo, and to all who contributed towards making the program such a splendid success.

3. That we extend thanks to the pastor and members of the Suffolk Christian Church for the gracious hospitality, and delicious meal.

4. That we dedicate ourselves to broaden the scope of our work in our local churches because of the inspiration of this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. M. GRISSOM,
MRS. W. B. ZOLL,
MRS. W. M. STEVENS,
Chairman.

An invitation was accepted to meet with Bethlehem (Nans.) for the next annual meeting.

The conference thanked Mrs. B. V. Hargrove for the lovely poem of her own composition, on the back of the program for this meeting.

A very impressive and sacred memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Roy Brinkley.

The thirty-eighth annual session was brought to a close with a lovely and impressive Installation Service, conducted by Mrs. O. H. Paris, and, following the hymn, "Dear Lord and Savior of Mankind," conference adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

MRS. W. T. HARRELL, *President,*
MRS. L. W. STAGG, *Secretary.*

Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference

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LIBERTY (VANCE) CHURCH, RFD, HENDERSON, N. C.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1950.

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The thirty-eighth annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference was held on October 4, 1950, at Liberty (Vance) Congregational Christian Church. The theme of the meeting was "Thy Wiil to Do."

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by the president, Mrs. F. C. Leseer. After the singing of a hymn, the president recognized all of the ministers and minister's wives in attendance, as well as visitors.

Each District Superintendent then recognized the Superior Societies from her district and called the roll of the other societies. The District Superintendents reported the following new societies organized during the year:

Asheboro District—Pleasant Cross, Sophia, Union Grove.

Greensboro District—Salem Chapel.

Halifax District—Hebron.

Sanford District—Mt. Pleasant.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted as follows, with a rising vote of thanks to Miss Susie D. Allen.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Women's Socities	$8,303.12
Young People	185.10
Junior Societies	198.99
Cradle Roll	275.78
Conference Offering (Long's Chapel)	100.98
Family Life Institute Offering	57.00
Total	$9,120.97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Board, The Southern Convention, for:		
Thank Offering	$1,656.59	
Life Memberships	370.00	
Memorials	120.00	
Church Extension	100.98	
Shaowu Mission	50.15	
Projects for Japan	57.75	
Project Overseas Worker	34.00	
Missions in India	15.00	
Migrant Work	217.99	
The Chang Family—Special Gifts	36.60	
Mr. and Mrs. Chiu Hsien Bao	180.00	

Children All Over the World	32.00	
"Idle Dollars" for Christian World Mission	73.00	
Penny-A-Meal Offering	32.33	
Elon Orphanage	10.00	
Carroll County Mission	50.00	
Missions—General Fund	5,783.13	
		$8,819.52
Mimeographing Treasurer's Report (1949)	8.50	
Conference Expense	14.00	
President's Expense to Cleveland Conference	39.40	
Expense—Family Life Institute	10.60	
Speaker—Family Life Institute	15.00	
Space in ANNUAL	13.40	
Expense—Board Meeting	31.48	
Expense of Treasurer for Year	26.39	
N. C. Council of Church Women	20.00	
World Day of Prayer (NCCCW)	77.00	
World Community Day (NCCCW)	32.65	
May Fellowship Day (NCCCW)	13.03	
		301.45
Total Disbursements		$9,120.97

Respectfully submitted,

MISS SUSIE D. ALLEN, *Treasurer.*

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented the literature to be used in 1950-51. She announced that "Young People's Packets" were available, and the contents of the "Woman's Packet" were presented in a skit.

Mrs. John G. Truitt, superintendent of Family Life, made her report. She thanked the conference and the participating societies for their cooperation in the Family Life Institute and made special emphasis on the seven points of endeaver found in her report in our mimeographed report book.

The following committees were appointed by Mrs. Lester:

Nominating—Mrs. W. T. Scott, Mrs. J. D. Strader, Mrs. Mack Welch.
Recommendations—Mrs. W. J. Andes, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. E. P. Burroughs.
Courtesy—Mrs. S. C. Harrell, Mrs. R. L. House, Mrs. W. B. O'Neil.
Place—Mrs. D. E. Mitchell.

Dr. Ruth I. Seabury, educational secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, gave a most inspiring address on "Thy Will To Do," using illustrations from her recent period of work in Japan.

Following Miss Seabury's address, an offering of $114.38 was received for the United Christian University of Japan.

The conference was recessed for lunch, after prayer by Mrs. Lester.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session of the conference was opened by the singing of a hymn.

Mrs. J. B. Newman, conference superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials, recognized all those with life memberships presented this year and read the list of memorials from each society.

Mrs. O. H. Paris presented the Thank Offering for this year, which is for the redecoration of Whitley Auditorium, at Elon College.

In the absence of the Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Street Morgan displayed a cradle roll worship center and described its use.

Mrs. Carl Key, Children's superintendent; Mrs. Mark Andes, Young People's superintendent; Mrs. R. L. House, superintendent of Interdenominational Cooperation, and Mrs. W. J. Andes, each presented their report and suggestions for work in their department.

Max Vestal of Asheboro, who this summer spent a month working in Agape Work Camp in Italy, gave an interesting account of his experiences.

Mrs. W. T. Scott gave the report of the Nominating Committee, which was adopted by the conference as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs. W. J. Andes.
Vice-President—Mrs. S. L. Mauldin.
Secretary—Mrs. Russell V. Powell.
Treasurer—Mrs. Susie D. Allen.
Departmental Superintendents:
Spiritual Life—Mrs. Carl Wallace.
Literature—Mrs. Tucker Humphries.
Family Life—Mrs. John G. Truitt.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. Henry E. Robinson
Interdenomination Co-operation—Mrs. B. B. Johnson.
Young People—Mrs. Clyde Fields.
Children—Mrs. Carl Key.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Allen Hurdle.
District Superintendents:
Asheboro—Mrs. Walter Hall.
Burlington—Mrs. Harold Ingle.
Greensboro—Mrs. Mack V. Welch.
Halifax—Mrs. H. B. Satterfield.
Henderson—Mrs. E. M. Carter.
Raleigh—Mrs. C. A. Ballentine.
Sanford—Mrs. Robert Lee House.

Mrs. W. J. Andes made the following report of the Recommendations Committee:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolved:

1. That our 1950 Thank Offering be used for the renovating and redocrating of Whitley Auditorium at Elon College.

2. That our Friendly Service gifts be sent to Franklinton Center, Mirgrant Centers and the Near East. We particularly recommend that we help our North Carolina migrants this year.

3. That each church woman's group restudy its financial goal and increase it as much as possible. This is to help in the expansion of our work and the increasing need for friends for mission work.

4. That we adopt the new "Guides to Progress" as prepared by the Convention Committee, and use these in the place of our "Achievement Goals." A copy of these Guides has been mailed to each local woman's president.

5. That we pay the expenses of the North Carolina Woman's Conference President to the Biennial Session of the United Council of Church Women in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 13-16, 1950.

All points of the report were adopted as read, with an amendment to item four to the effect that we use the "Guides to Progress" instead of the "Achievement Goals" until another set of "Guides" be drawn up and presented for our consideration.

Mrs. Stanley C. Harrell presented the following Courtesy Committee report:

RESOLUTIONS.

1. We, the Courtesy Committee, wish to express our appreciation to all those who planned, and those who participated in the program.

2. We consider it a rare privilege to have had Miss Ruth Seabury and appreciate her presentation of Friendly Service in Japan.

3. We congratulate Liberty (Vance) on their beautiful Sanctuary and commend the plan to others. We enjoyed the hospitality for which Liberty (Vance) has a far-flung reputation.

4. We further urge those present to share the spirit of this day with others in our home churches.

Mrs. D. E. Mitchell reported that our meeting next year would be in our Ingram, Virginia, Church.

The secretary was instructed to write to The Southern Convention office thanking the staff for the mimeographed reports that were distributed in our meeting today, and which added much to the effectiveness of our conference.

Mrs. Lester conducted an inspiring installation of officers service, and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill lead in a prayer of dedication.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

MRS. W. J. ANDES, *President,*
MRS. RUSSELL V. POWELL, *Secretary.*

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SHALLOW FORD CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER VD, 1950.

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President W. W. Snyder called the session to order and requested a reading of the action voted by the C. M. A. Executive Committee meeting at Elon College, September 5, 1950.

The secretary read of the following action:

VOTED: To begin payment of $1,000 toward the West Burlington Church lot, which was underwritten by the C. M. A. in its November 15, 1949, session in the amount of $4,000, such amount to be paid over a four-year period.

VOTED: That the president issue a special appeal for C. M. A. memberships for this conference year.

The association voted acceptance of this action.

The following recommendations by the C. M. A. Executive Committee were voted upon:

VOTED: That C. M. A. Executive Committee of 1950-51 be given authority to prepare a program for a suitable day in the spring of 1951, the day to be decided by the committee, when the C. M. A. would hold a meeting separate from the annual conference and have opportunity to present its aim to the churches more adequately.

VOTED: Applications were received from Apple's Chapel Church and from Belew Creek—Salem Chapel pastorate for supplements to the pastor's salaries. It was voted that we pass these applications on to the Southern Convention Home Mission Board, in accord with recommendation No. 5 of the 1949 Home Mission and Rural Church Report (Page 86, 1949 ANNUAL).

VOTED: That we continue the effort to raise $1,000 a year for the lot purchased in West Burlington, in agreement with recommendation No. 1 of last year's action. One payment has been made

VOTED: That the ministers of the conference appoint a representative for the C. M. A. in each of the local churches and send the names and addresses to the secretary of the C. M. A.

The Conference Nominations Committee presented the following officers for nomination to the C. M. A. Executive Board:

President—Robert Walker, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.
Vice-President—Rev. W. W. Snyder, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.
Secretary—Miss Dorothy Foltz, Davis St., Burlington, N. C.
Treasurer—Rev. Allen Hurdle, Belew Creek, N. C.

These officers were elected.

The Financial Report was read by the treasurer, Rev. M. V. Welch, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.
(November 14, 1950).

Cash at last report	$1,402.51	
11/ 3/49 Deposited	255.00	
11/13/50 Deposited	20.00	
11/13/50 Deposited	300.00	
Total Cash for Year		$1,977.51

Disbursements.

2/ 8/50	Zion Church	$ 300.00	
4/14/50	Pfafftown Church	100.00	
5/16/50	ANNUALS	10.05	
9/ 7/50	Burlington Lot	900.00	
9/13/50	Envelopes	2.00	
	Envelopes and Stamps	10.92	
11/11/50	Burlington Lot	100.00	
11/13/50	Palm Street Church	300.00	
	Total Paid Out		1,722.97
	Balance In Treasury		$ 254.54

MACK V. WELCH, *Treasurer.*

Following is the list of paid memberships as collected, to date, for 1950-51:

REPORT OF C. M. A. MEMBERS FOR 1950-51.

Apples Chapel—Church (5), R. L. Clapp.
Belew Creek—Church.
Berea—Church, Junior Philathea Class Sunday School.
Bethlehem—Mrs. Carl Gilliam, Men's Bible Class, Morning Star Class, Ladies Aid.
Burlington—Memorial for Dr. C. M. Walters, Mrs. W. R. Sellars, Woman's Bible Class, Sadie V. Fonville (2), Edith Walker (2), Young Adult Class, Womans Auxiliary, Mrs. M. Z Rhodes, Egbert Truitt, J. V. Simpson, Garland Huffman.
Bethel—Church (3).
Carolina—Missionary Society, Sunday School, Rev. and Mrs. Bland Leebrick.
Durham—Church (8).
Elon College—L. E. Smith, D. J. Bowden, G. D. Colclough, W. M. Brown, Pattie Lee Coghill.
Graham—Church.
Greensboro, First—W. B. Truitt, J. H. Rountree, Truitt Bible Class, Woman's Auxiliary.
Greensboro, Palm Street—
Happy Home—Church, Missionary Society.
Haw River—Missionary Society.
Hines Chapel—Missionary Society, Sunday School, O. W. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Isley, M. M. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Kellam, Holt Gerringer, Mrs. Wm. G. Davis.
Ingram—L. E. Carlton, G. I. Satterfield, Church.
Liberty—Church, Missionary Society.
Lebanon—Church, Sunday School.
Long's Chapel—Sunday School (3), Rev. Guy Veasey.
Monticello—Church, Mrs. M. C. Faucette.
Mt Zion—Church, Zeb Lynch, Missionary Society.
Pfafftown—Abigail Stout.
Reidsville—John Dockey, Woman's Auxiliary, Neese Baraca Class.
Union (N. C.)—Missionary Society, Hustlers Class, J. Robt. Walker.
Union, (Va.)—Dr. C. E. Newman, Sunday School.

FINANCIAL REPORT.
(December 11, 1950).

Cash on hand at last report	$ 254.54
Collected since conference, 11-16-50	180.00
Collected since conference 12-11-50	30.00
Cash on hand to date	$ 464.54

The C. M. A. adjourned.

WALSTEIN W. SNYDER, *President,*
MRS. MARK W. ANDES, *Sechetary.*

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BEREA CHRISTIAN CHURCH, GREAT BRIDGE, VA.,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1950.

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MORNING SESSION.

The fifty-ninth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association met on December 5, 1950, at the Berea Congregational Christian Church, Great Bridge, Va.

The president, Rev. W. Stanley Carne, called the session to order at 10:30. The motion was made and approved for the adoption of the program of the day as outlined. Due to the death of the secretary, Dr. Luther B. Grice, Rev. Johnson L. Griffin was elected to act in the capacity of this office for the day.

The worship service was led by Rev. Duane N. Vore, pastor of the suffolk Church.

Following the worship service, the financial secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, enrolled the following members and collected the dues:

Antioch—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Bay View—Bay View Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Woman's Fellowship, $10 Dorothy Jackson Bible Class, $10; Bartholomew Bible Class (Men), $10; Men's Club, $10; Pilgrim Fellowship, $10; Mrs. J. W. Cline, $5; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Grey, $10; Mr. William Wise, $10; Rev. and Mrs. Griffin, $10. Total, $105.

Berea (Nansemond)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, $5; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, $5; R. T. Bradford, $10; J. C. Matthews, $10; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, $5; L. A. Daniels, Jr., $5; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, $5. Total, $95.00.

Burton's Grove—Sunday School (Memorial to Rev. W. D. Harward), $10. Total $10.

Berea (Great Bridge)—Berea Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10. Total $20.

Bethlehem—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Star Class, $10; Mary Sue Brittle Sunday School Class, $10; Ladies Aid Society Circle No. 1, $10; Ladies Aid Circle No. 2, $10; C. F. Savage, $10; Mrs. C. F. Savage, $5; Edward Johnson, $10; Arthur Wilkins, $10; Rev. R. E. Brittle, $10; Mrs. A. C. Moore, $5; Mrs. T. A. Poole, $5. Total, $125.

Liberty Spring—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; R. E. Rogers Class, $10; A. H. Savage Class, $10; Bertie Johnson Class, $10; Friendship Class, $10; Woman's Missionary Society, $10; Young People's Missionary Society, $10; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, $5; Mrs. Annie Byrd, $5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, $5; Kaye Culver Brinkley, $5; Mrs. Sadie B. Copeland, $5; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, $5; Carolyn Sue Harrell, $5; Mrs. R. Wesley Harrell, $5; Miss Lizzie Harrell, $5; Thomas Stanley Harrell, $5; Mrs. P. S. Harrell, $5; Mrs. William T. Harrell, $5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, $5; Mrs. G. Ronnie Holland, $5; Mrs. James C. Lynch, $5; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, $5; Walter O'Berry, $5; Betty Jean Oliver, $5; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, $5; Mrs. Fermer Perry, $5; Frank Perry, $5; Mrs. Joe Perry, $5; Mrs. Starkey Perry, $5; Mrs. Zack Perry, $5; Jerry Perry, $5; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, $5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, $5; Miss Hontas Rawles, $5; Mrs. H. E. Savage, $5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, $5; Mrs. Luther Wilkins, $5; Mrs. William Lowe, $5; Mrs. N. H. Bradshaw, $5; Mrs. B. L. Boisseau, $5; Mrs. C. E. Nichols, $5; Mrs. J. W. Tid-

well, $5; Dr. Jessie Dollar, $10; Joel E. Harrell, $10; R. Wesley Harrell, $10; G. Ronnie Holland, $10; G. O. O'Berry, $10; E. F. O'Berry, $10; Fermer Perry, $10; Joe Perry, $10; Starkey Perry, $10; Zack Perry, $10; R. E. Rogers, $10; H. E. Savage, $10; I. T. Byrd, $10; Fulmer Eason, $10; N. W. Byrd, $10; Dr. I. W. Johnson, $50. Total, $460.

Franklin—Church , $10; Sunday School, $10; L. R. Jones, $10; Mrs. E. P. Jones, $5; Rev. W. A. Grissism, $5. Total, $40.

Holland—Church, $15; Sunday School, $10; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Mrs. J. D. Rawles, $5; Miss Nell Dixon Rawles, $5; Mrs. E .L. Daughtrey, $10. Total, $65.

Holy Neck—Church, $10; H. L. Worrell, $10; Sunday School, $10; First Bible Class, $10; Mrs. J. H. Wright, $5; Dr. I. W. Johnson, $10; Second Bible Class, $10. Total, $65.

Isle of Wight—Sunday School, $10.

Little Creek—Church, $25; Missionary Society, $10; West Bible Class (Men), $10; B. T. I. Class, (Women), $5; Young People's Class, $10; Junior Girl's Class, $5; Junior Boy's Class, $5; Primary Class, $5; Beginner's Class, $5. Total, $80.

Mt. Carmel—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Mrs. Otis Joyner, $5; Mrs. W. E. Beale, $5; Miss Essie Johnson, $5; Miss Lizzie Bradshaw, $5. Total $40.

Newport News—Church, $70; Woman's Auxiliary, $40; Robert Lee House Class, $10; Chior, $10; Sunday School, $20; Newman Bible Class, $10; Golden Rule Bible Class, $10; Annie Smith Bible Class, $10; Progressive Bible Class, $10; Jessie H. Dollar Class, $10; C. D. West, $10; W. B. Williams, $10; R. J. Moberg, $10; W. H. Baker, $10; Carson Coats, $10; C. E. Holland, $10; Board of Deacons, $10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, $5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, $5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, $5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, $5; Miss Grace Spivey, $5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, $5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, $5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, $5; Miss Katherine Harrell, $5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, $5; Mrs. R. C. Luke, $5; Mrs. R. J. Moberg, $5; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, $5; Mrs. A. G. Simmons, $5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, $5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, $5; Mrs. H. B. Barnes, $5; Mrs. Edna Webb, $5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, $5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, $5; Mrs. C. L. Rountree, $5; Miss Nancy Luke, $5; Mrs. S .A. Morgan, $5; Mrs. Frank Blake, $5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, $5; Mrs. Rufus Powell, $5; Miss Shirley Lawson, $5; Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler, given by her daughter, $5; Miss Alice Tate, $5; Mrs. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., $5; Mrs. Joseph H. Wright, $5; Mrs. E. T. Mason, $5; Mrs. Molly Harward (Given by the Molly Harward Circle), $5. Total, $435.

Norfolk, First—Stephen Barrett Bible Class, $10; Mr. R. B. Wood, $10; Mrs. J Monroe Harris, $5. Total, $25.

Norfolk, Second—Morning Star Class, $10; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Roland Allgood, $10; J. L. Carter, Jr., $5; Mrs. L. L. Winslow, $5; Mrs. J. Everette Neese, $5. Total, $55.

South Norfolk—L. B. Class, $10; Sunday School, $10; Huba Class, $10; Jr. Department, $10; Intermediate Department, $10; Truth Seekers, $10; Primary Department, $5; Beginners Department, $10; Mary King, $5; Missionary Society, $10; Dorcas Class, $10; Mrs. Patrick White, $5. Total, $105.

Oakland—N. G. Newman, $10; Forward Movement Bible Class, $10; Sunday School, $10; I. W. Johnson Class, $10; Church, $10; A. L. Wagner, $10; Mrs. Mildred G. Knight, $5; Mrs. P. D. Howell, $5; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; H. S. Hardcastle, $5; Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $10; C. W. Darden, $10; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, $5. Total, $110.

Portsmouth, First—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; The Woman's Fellowship, $10; Rev. W. Stanley Carne, $10. Total, $50.

Shelton Memorial—Church, $10; Woman's Guild, $10; Mrs. W. J. Bidgood, $5. Total, $25.

Elm Avenue—Sunday School, $10, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Deens, $10; Joe Weatherbee, $10; Henry C. Gaye, $5; Rev. Henry M. George, $5. Total $40.

Rosemont—Church, $10; Mrs. H. L. Bonderant, Sr., $5; Mrs. St. Clair Dudley, $5; Mrs. I. S. Mills, $5. Total, $25.

Suffolk—W. W. Staley Missionary Society, $10; Mrs. C. B. Luke, $5; Ladies Benevolent and Social Union, $20; Junior Philathea Class, $10; West Memorial Bible Class, $20; Mrs. A. T. Holland, $5; Mrs. Mamie Leathers, $5; Woman's Missionary Society, $10; Miss Susie Holland, $5. Suffolk Christian Church, $10; Dr. D. L. Harrell, $10; Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun, $5; J. D. McClenny, $5; Mrs. A. A. Turner, $5; Miss Jamie Felton, $5; Junior High and Young Peoples' Department, $10; Mrs. J. M. Darden, $5; Dr. D. L. Rawles, $10; Mrs. C. A. Shoop, $10; Twentieth Century Baraca Class, $10. Total $175.

Sunbury—Sunday School, $40. Total $40.

Union (Southampton)—Woman's Missionary Society, $10 Rev. Melvin Dollar, $10; J. G. Joyner, Jr., $10; Edgar Blythe, $10; Church, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10. Total, $60.

Windsor—Sunday School, $10; Church, $10; Baraca Class, $10; Ladies Bible Class, $10; J. W. Roberts, $10; S. T. Holland, $10; Mrs. J. M. Raby, $5. Total, $65.

Wakefield—Young People's Bible Class (Memorial to Mr. H. L. Harris), $10; Men's Bible Class (Memorial to Mr. J. B. Kitchen), $10; Sunday School (Memorial to Miss Maud Faison), $10; Sunday School (Memorial to Mr. W. D. Harward), $10; Church (Memorial to Rev. M. W. Butler), $10. Total $50.

Barretts—Sunday School, $10. Total $10.

Dendron—Sunday School, $10. Total $10.

Waverly—Church, $10; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. T. West), $5; Mrs. A. B. Hartz, $5; A. Paul Hartz, $5; Garland Gray (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), $5; Sunday School (Memorial to Judge J. F. West), $10; Sunday School, $10; Sarah Johnson Class, $10; Ladies Aid Society, $10; Acorn Bilbe Class, $10; Garland Gray, $20; Womans Missionary Society, $10. Total $110.

Christian Temple—F. M. Brewer, $10; Mrs. F. M. Brewer, $5; T. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, $5; R. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, $5; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Albright, $10; Mrs. J. R. Wilson, $5; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, $5; Rev. and Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, $10; Church (Current Expense Fund), $20; Sunday School, $20; Woman's Council, $20; Templemen's Bible Class, $10; Dorcas Twiddy Bible Class, $10; Fellowship Bible Class, $10; Church Mission Fund, $20. Total Memberships, $185. Total Memberships and Designated Gifts, $2,685.00

Dr. W. T. Scott, $10.

The following committees were appointed by the president:

Nominations—Dr. I. W. Johnson, Mrs. C. D. West, Miss Carolyn Gort.

Resolutions—Rev. O. D. Poythress, Mr. E. M. Albright, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.

Place of Meeting—Mrs. W. T. Harrel.

Plans Committee—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev Duane Vore, Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Wesley Harrell.

Auditing—Mr. Shirley Holland, and Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Press—Rev. Herbert Councill, Rev. Charles Cecil Thomas.

Reports were given from the churches aided by the association. Rev. M. E. Taylor gave the report on the work at Little Creek; Rev. Melvin Dollar reported on the splendid progress under way at Union (Southampton), and Mr. B. C. Haskett told of the progress at Bay View in the past year.

The financial secretary reported that the dues collected amounted to $2,490.00. A motion was made that Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., be responsible for delivering the funds to the treasurer, Mr. E. L. Rawles.

It was pointed out by Dr. Jesse Dollar that Dr. I. W. Johnson has been a member of the Christian Missionary Association for fifty-one years. It was also pointed out that Mr. C. D. West had been a member for forty-nine years.

Rev. Millard W. Stevens, pastor of the Christian Temple, explained the gift on the part of the Christian Temple through the channels of the C. M. A. The church voted to donate $2,500.00 on two projects in order that they might proceed with their building programs as soon as practicable. This sum of money had been deposited in the treasury of the Christian Missionary Association until such time as the churches should have need for it. The allocations of this money were to go equally to Second Church, Norfolk, and the Bay View Church.

Mr. Shirley T. Holland made the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Mr. E. L. Rawles, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 1949		$3,887.51
Received from Membership Dues		2,340.00
Received form Christian Temple		2,500.00
		$8,727.51

DISBURSEMENTS.

Liberty Spring Christian Church (On Parsonage)	$ 650.00	
Windsor Christian Church (Building Program)	650.00	
Salaries Supplemented—		
Rev. M. E. Taylor	600.00	
Rev. B. H. Watkins	50.00	
Rev. Melvin Dollar	350.00	
Rev. Johnson L. Griffin	400.00	
Paid—Board of Publications—Printing	16.75	
Paid—Dr. Luther B. Grice, Sec'y. Expense Account	5.55	
		2,722.30
Balance on deposit Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia		6,005.21
		$8,727.51
Due Bay View Building Program from C. M. A.	$3,000.00	
Due Bay View Building Program Donated by Christian Temple	1,250.00	
Due Second Congregational Christian Church Donated by Christian Temple	1,250.00	
		5,500.00
Balance on Deposit Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia		$6,005.21
Less amount above specificially allocated		5,500.00
Net Balance		$ 505.21

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. RAWLES, *Treasurer.*

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The vice-president presented Rev. W. Stanley Carne, who delivered the president's address.

It was moved that we adjourn at 12:00 noon, and reconvene at 1:15 p. m. Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., postor of the Newport News Church, pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 p. m. by the president. Rev. O. D. Poythress led the congregation in singing two hymns. Prayers were offered by Rev. W. Millard Stevens and Rev. Jomes H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, president of the Southern Convention, addressed the association on the topic, "Our Home Missionary Opportunity in Eastern Virginia." The message was inspiring to all the members of the organization.

The report on finances showed a blance on hand in the Farmers Bank of Windsor (including special allocations) amounting to $6,005.21; which, with the sum received from current membership dues of $2,715.00, made a net total of $8,720.21 on hand.

The auditor, S. T. Holland, made the following report:

THE AUDITOR' REPORT.

This is to certify that I have this 4th day of December, 1950, audited the books of E. L. Rawles, treasurer of the Christian Missionary Association, and find that the amount turned over to E. L. Rawles, treasurer, in December, 1945, by Mr. W. V. Leathers, treasurer of the Christian Missionary Association, amounted to $1,452.30 and that the total receipts from dues and donations received amounted to $14,605.00, making total receipts of $16,257.30. Total disbursements during his term as treasurer, from December, 1945, to December 4, 1950, amounted to $10,052.09, leaving a balance on hand as of December 4, 1950, of $6,005.21, and I certify that this balance in now on deposit to the credit of the Christian Missionary Association of the Eastern Virginia Conference in the Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia.

Given under my hand this 4th day of December, 1950.

S. T. HOLLAND.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Plans submitted the the following report:

THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS.

We recommend the following appropriations:

Little Creek (On Pastor's Salary)	$ 600.00
Union (Southampton) (On Building Fund)	600.00
Bay View (On Pastor's Salary)	400.00
Second Congregational Christian Churches (Purchase of Lots)	1,000.00
Windsor (On new Church Building)	350.00
Total	$2,950.00

We further recommend that by action of previous Association meeting the $3,000.00 earmarked for the new church building at Bay View be held in trust until called for, but if construction is not under way by the next annual meeting of the C. M. A. this matter be reopened and reallocation of funds be considered.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MILARD STEVENS,
I. W. JOHNSON,
DUANE N. VORE,
R. E. BRITTLE,
H. S. HARDCASTLE.

The report of the Committee on Place was read by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, in the absence of Mrs. William T. Harrell:

THE COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

An invitation has been extended for the 1951 session of the C. M. A. to be held at the Liberty Spring Christian Church, near Suffolk, Virginia.

MRS. W. T. HARRELL.

The invitation of Liberty Spring was accepted.

The Committee on Nominations submitted its report, as follows:

THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following nominations for officers for the ensuing year:

President—Rev W. Stanley Carne.
Vice-President—Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.
Recording Secretary—Rev. Johnson L. Griffin.
Financial Secretary—Rev. R. E. Brittle.
Treasurer—Mr. E. L. Rawles.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. JOHNSON,
C. D. WEST.

The report was adopted and the nominees elected.

The Committee on Resolutions reported, as follows:

THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions wish to make the following report:

1. We want to thank the Committee on Program and those who have appeared on the program for the splendid addresses and reports of the day.

2. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Grice in the recent passing of her husband, Dr. Luther B. Grice, who at the time of his death was secretary of the C. M. A. and we request the secretary to send a suitable message to Mrs. Grice expressing the sympathy and prayers of the C. M. A.

3. We learn with deep regret the recent illness of Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith of Elon College, and also the continued illness of Brother J. F. Morgan. We request our secretary to send a suitable message to each of these friends expressing the hopes and prayers of the members of the C. M. A. for their speedy recovery.

4. Recognizing the seriousness of world conditions at the moment, the president of the Southern Convention, the Rev. W. Millard Stevens, was called upon to lead the Association in a special prayer for the preservation of world peace.

5. We want to thank the members and pastors of the Berea (Great Bridge) Church for their generous hospitality, the very fine way in which they have entertained this fifty-ninth annual session of the C. M. A., and for the delicious Turkey Dinner enjoyed by all.

6. We commend the pastor and people of the Christian Temple for their generous gift of $2.500,00 through the C. M. A. to the two sister churches of the Norfolk area, Bay View Church and Second Church. (each to receive $1,250.00). We heartily recommend this practice of gratitude to other strong churches of the Association in extending a helping hand to younger and weaker churches.

7. That we request the officers of the C. M. A. to secure names and addresses from each local church of at least 10 per cent of their church membership and that the officers make a personal soliciation of these people and seek memberships in the C. M. A. to total $5,000, and to recommend a place for a new church in which this fund would be invested.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. POYTHRESS,
HERBERT G. COUNCILL, JR.,
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD.

These resolutions were adopted.

The following committees were appointed:

Place—Mrs. William T. Harrell.

Plans—Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Chairman, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. Duane N. Vore, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Wesley Harrell.

Nominations—Dr. Jessie Dollar, Chairman, Dr. I. W. Johnson.

Resolutions—Rev. O. D. Poythress, Chairman, Mrs. C. D. West, Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

Press—Rev. Herbert Councill, Jr., Rev. Charles C. Thomas.

Auditing Committee—Mr. Shirley T. Holland, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

The association adjourned at 3:00 p. m., to meet at Liberty Spring Congregational Christian Church, December 6, 1951.

Rev. Charles C. Thomas, pastor of First Church, Norfolk, pronounced the benediction.

W. STANLEY CARNE, *President,*
JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX

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I.—Statistical Tables, giving membership and financial data, by Conferences.

II.—Statistical Tables, summarizing membership and financial data for the Southern Convention.

III.—Convention and Conference Officials.

IV.—Ministerial Directory of the Convention, corrected to June 1, 1951.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Antioch	E. J. Rohart	E. A. Showalter, R4, Harrisonburg	O. W. Andes, R4, Harrisonburg	94	....	1	5	9	86	14	74	15
Bethel	S. E. Madren	Mrs. H. T. Hensley, R2, Elkton	K. B. Dofflemyer, R2, Elkton	210	5	5	3	3	212	13	135	38
Bethlehem	Clyde O. Koon	Miss Ella Pickering, R1, Broadway	J. S. Sellers, R. 1, Broadway	111	2	7	3	31	87	12	125	23
Beulah	E. J. Rohart	Mrs. Joe Tibbins, Keezletown	(No Sunday School)	16	....	....	....	....	16	6	28	.....
Concord	Clyde O. Koon	Mrs. Frank Derrow, R. 3, Luray	Cecil Simmers, R. 1, Timberville	64	....	....	3	3	61	9	45	15
Dry Run	R. E. Newton	Mrs. R. Rinker, St. David's Ch.	W. B. Burke, Seven Fountains	87	3	3	1	1	89	5	41	6
Joppa	R. E. Newton	Mrs. Ezylean Nicholson, Edinburg	(No Sunday School)	26	1	1	....	....	27	....	.....	2
Leaksville	R. E. Newton	R. O. Rothgeb, R3, Luray	K. T. Rothgeb, R3, Luray	187	9	9	2	4	192	15	60	25
Linville	E. J. Rohart	Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Linville	Robt. Miller, R2, Harrisonburg	165	....	....	2	4	161	12	.....	20
Mayland	Clyde O. Koon	Mrs. Charlotte Litten, New Market	T. F. Stoner, R. 1, Broadway	45	1	1	1	2	44	9	56	10
Mt. Lebanon	R. E. Newton	R. W. Comer, R. 1, Shenandoah	Mrs. Ruth Kite, R. 1, Shenandoah	133	....	....	1	2	131	11	111	36
Mt. Olivet (G)	S. E. Madren	Miss Winnona Morris, Dyke	Norman W. Morris, Dyke	136	....	1	1	2	135	18	55	8
Mt. Olivet (R)	S. E. Madren	Miss Laura E. Lam, R2, Elkton	Jim Sandridge, Port Republic	157	....	....	2	3	154	14	93	30
New Hope	E. J. Rohart	H. E. Liskey, R3, Harrisonburg	H. E. Liskey, R3, Harrisonburg	58	1	3	1	2	59	7	59	15
Newport	R. E. Newton	C. W. Louderback, R1, Shenandoah	Kermit Kibler, Stanley	192	3	3	2	3	192	14	147	25
Palmyra	Clyde O. Koon	Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, R3, Edinburg	Woodrow Baker; R. 3, Edinburg	91	2	2	1	2	91	7	26	10
Timber Ridge	Roy D. Coulter	Walton E. Brill, Lehew, W. Va.	L. R. Brill, Yellow Springs, W. Va.	235	10	11	2	4	242	15	87	20
Winchester	R. A. Whitten	Roy A. Larrick, 367 E. Piccadilly	Ralph Pugh, 133 Morningside Dr.	353	9	13	1	3	363	20	198	50
Wissler's Chapel	Clyde O. Koon	Mrs. Nina Will, Quicksburg	Miss Selena Hines, Quicksburg	69	7	7	1	1	75	10	58	10
Wood's Chapel	Clyde O. Koon	Mrs. Austin Kipps, New Market	Ray Stroup, New Market	92	14	25	1	1	116	7	72	16
Totals	.....	.....	.....	2,521	67	92	33	80	2,533	218	1,470	374

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2—FINANCE—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions and	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Orphanage	Raised for Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superannuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Paid to Woman's Missionary Conf.	Raised for Christian Mission'y Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Amount Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$ 172	$ 100	$ 204	$ 85	$ 29	$ 29	$ 58	$ 8	$ 5	$ 71	$ 761	13	....	214	33	40	1,061	760	407	73	1,240	2,301	5,000
Bethel	70	40	67	77	24	24	45	....	....	45	392	....	....	127	....	25	544	536	158	....	694	1,238	11,000
Bethlehem	100	96	67	92	24	24	45	7	5	60	520	....	....	12	30	147	709	711	267	74	1,052	1,761	5,000
Beulah	13	13	6	6	2	3	4	2	1	6	56	....	....	....	....	....	56	75	....	....	75	131	2,000
Concord	27	22	15	11	8	4	7	5	3	27	129	....	4	....	....	19	152	344	151	150	645	797	3,000
Dry Run	19	20	13	10	....	....	12	....	....	....	74	....	....	....	....	....	74	235	39	....	274	348	5,000
Joppa	10	10	5	7	3	3	4	3	1	9	55	....	....	....	....	....	55	93	....	33	126	181	1,000
Leaksville	130	80	111	109	28	28	51	15	10	105	667	27	29	155	....	6	884	849	391	174	1,414	2,298	7,000
Linville	140	110	210	92	28	28	54	15	10	105	792	7	....	130	20	76	1,025	607	271	234	1,112	2,137	*15,000
Mayland	8	3	8	3	2	2	6	1	1	65	99	....	....	....	1	3	103	444	397	50	891	994	5,000
Mt. Lebanon	47	37	23	23	9	10	18	9	9	17	202	9	6	....	....	5	222	414	184	600	1,198	1,420	1,500
Mt. Olivet (G)	57	51	111	36	11	11	22	10	9	69	387	13	....	3	....	135	538	520	177	46	743	1,281	6,000
Mt. Olivet (R)	40	33	24	24	9	9	17	10	8	60	234	3	....	25	18	....	280	463	216	210	889	1,169	6,500
New Hope	57	45	33	33	12	12	21	5	3	35	256	7	24	43	13	19	362	350	168	173	691	1,053	4,000
Newport	122	64	237	88	27	27	54	14	9	69	711	31	....	68	....	57	867	609	121	332	1,062	1,929	5,000
Palmyra	8	7	10	6	3	2	9	8	2	18	73	....	....	....	....	....	73	249	219	10	478	551	2,500
Timber Ridge*	111	91	66	66	22	22	44	19	12	69	522	....	12	....	20	....	554	1,266	845	1,000	3,111	3,665	*14,000
Winchester	167	607	115	100	76	58	121	23	15	110	1,392	122	....	199	....	250	1,963	2,700	3,854	1,250	7,804	9,767	*75,000
Wissler's Chapel	23	15	11	11	3	3	8	2	2	18	96	....	....	....	....	....	96	336	127	100	563	659	*5,000
Wood's Chapel	42	20	20	19	5	5	11	7	4	20	153	....	8	51	....	96	308	336	210	360	906	1,214	*1,000
Totals	$1,363	$1,464	$1,356	$ 898	$325	$304	$611	$163	$109	$978	$ 7,571	$232	$ 83	$1,027	$ 135	$ 878	$ 9,926	$ 11,897	$ 8,202	$ 4,869	$ 24,968	$ 34,894	$ 179,500

*The following churches reported the indebtedness indicated: Linville, $300; Tmber Ridge, $1,950; Winchester, $2,600; Wissler's Chapel, $900; Wood's Chapel, $408.

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STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Amelia	F. P. Register	Mrs. Malcolm Smith, R. 1, Garner	Linwood Penney, R. 2, Clayton	154	5	14		1	167	16	156	40
Antioch	Carl Wallace	H. L. Wall, Elams	J. C. Ford, Garner	113	2	4	1	5	112	7	70	15
Auburn	W. C. Ferrell	Mrs. Gladys Allen, R. 2, Raleigh	William Lynch, R. 3, Raleigh	153	9	10	1	5	158	19	90	20
Bethel	J. Lee Johnson			*22					*22			
Bethlehem	Carl Wallace	Calvin Spragins, R. 3, Littleton	Luther Walker, R. 3, Littleton	70	4	11		2	79	8	34	10
Beulah	Carl Wallace	A. W. Watkins, R. 4, Zebulon	W. B. Barham, R. 4, Zebulon	305	11	19	1	10	314	9	203	
Catawba Springs	Franklin Pierce			*244					*244			
Chapel Hill	B. V. Munger	L. A. Neville, Chapel Hill	S. H. Basnight, R. 1, Chapel Hill	78		7		5	80	9	40	13
Christian Chapel	R. E. Tally	R. B. Dickins, Corinth	R. B. Dickens, Corinth	148			6	21	127			
Christian Light	G. M. Tally	E. M. Blanchard. R. 2, Fuquay Spgs.	C. D. Hardee, R. 2, Fuquay Spgs.	173	5	24		6	191	9	124	
Clayton		Archie Parrish, Clayton		*41					*41			
Damascus	William A. Rich	Mrs. Paul Long, R. 3, Chapel Hill	Allen Johnson, R. 3, Chapel Hill	72			1	1	71	4	25	
Ebenezer	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. Blanche Brown, R. 1, Cary	Junius Dillard, Cary, R. 1	218				5	213	9	112	10
Fuller's Chapel	E. M. Carter	Margaret Edwards, R. 4, Henderson	T. T. Coghill, R. 4, Henderson	136	5	7		2	141	17	93	23
Good Hope	E. M. Carter	Margaret Davis, R. 1, Youngsville	Vivian Davis, RFD, Youngsville	111				10	101	5	15	10
Hayes Chapel	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. Lee Sandy, Box 213, Garner	Robert Goss, R. 3, Raleigh	66	4	6	1	1	71	7	81	
Henderson	J. Frank Apple	Mrs. J. A. Hall, Box 205, Henderson	J. Lee Lassiter, Jr., Henderson	305	3	12		9	308	12	204	58
Hope Mills	R. L. House	Mrs. Claude Smith, Hope Mills	D. C. Culbreth, Hope Mills	36	7	9			47	8	39	15
Lebanon	R. E. Tally	Mrs. R. P. Stevens, R. 2, Sanford	Charlie Holt, R. 2, Sanford	44	6	13			57	5	45	8
Lee's Chapel	R. E. Tally	Mrs. Junnie Gunter, RFD, Moncure		73	2	3	1	2	74			10
Liberty, Vance	T. Fred Wright	Margaret Alston, R. 1, Henderson	K. G. Weldon, R. 1, Henderson	407	18	25		5	427	25	278	35
Martha's Chapel	M. L. Fogleman	Mrs. Ernest Council, R. 3, Apex	Clifford Morgan, R. 3, Apex	72	3	5	1	12	65	9	46	10
Moore Union	G. M. Tally	Mrs. J. W. Jett, R. 2, Sanford	N. G. Burns, R. 2, Sanford	107	4	4		2	109	6	30	10
Morrisville	M. L. Fogleman	Mrs. G. J. Green, Morrisville	J. F. Hilliard, Cary	49		2		2	49	8	35	5
Mt. Auburn	T. Fred Wright	Mrs. Eugene Wilson, Middleburg	William B. Ellington, Manson	125	4	34	1	3	156	15	80	16

Mt. Carmel	J. Frank Apple	Mrs. R. L. Pearce, R. 1, Franklinton	A. A. Mitchell, R. 1, Franklinton	122	1	4	3	6	120	9	66	15
Mt. Gilead	T. Fred Wright	Mrs. J. E. Jones, Box 101, Louisburg	Jas. Radford, R. 2, Louisburg	163	8	9	1	8	164	7	45	10
Mt. Hermon	E. M. Carter	Mrs. Guy Smith, RFD, Garner	Guy Smith, RFD, Garner	106	3	7	1	1	112	9	70	18
New Elam	R. E. Tally	Lola Jones, R. 1, New Hill	W. E. Pule, Merry Oaks	274	7	9	4	11	272	7	83	15
New Hope	Carl Wallace	Mrs. J. C. Hoyle, R. 1, Louisburg	Odell Arnold, R. 1, Louisburg	258	16	20	....	10	268	9	150	29
Niagara	E. C. Brady	Mrs. Irene P. Tener, Niagara	Mrs. Janie Register, Niagara	21	12	20	....	....	41	....	....	25
Oak Level	Carl Wallace	J. W. Hudson, RFD, Youngsville	Albert Perry, RFD, Wake Forest	133	6	9	1	8	134	10	79	21
O'Kelly's Chapel	M. L. Fogleman	Mrs. W. H. Pittard, R. 3, Durham	W. P. Poole, R. 3, Durham	39	....	....	....	13	26	9	18	12
Piney Plain	R. E. Tally	Mrs. J. P. Stevens, R. 4, Raleigh	J. L. Stevens, R. 4, Raleigh	81	2	6	2	5	82	6	95	10
Pleasant Hill	G. M. Tally	D. O. Neighbors, Benson	Z. B. Byrd, Jr., Benson	93	....	....	....	41	52	8	30	....
Pleasant Union	....	....	....	*139	....	....	....	....	*139	....	....	....
Plymouth	F. P. Register	Mrs. L. C. Lindsey, RFD, Garner	Elmo Partin, R. 3, Raleigh	93	5	22	2	3	112	18	121	45
Pope's Chapel	E. M. Carter	Ethel Holmes, R. 1, Franklinton	Richard Holmes, R1, Franklinton	103	3	8	4	8	103	7	88	18
Raleigh	F. B. Eutsler	Miss Susie Allen, 612 W. Lane St.	Mrs. W. D. Suter, 408 Stacy St.	363	10	31	1	134	260	11	87	50
Sanford	W. B. O'Neill	Mrs. R. W. Cline, Box 133, Sanford	R. W. Cline, Box 133, Sanford	214	4	13	1	3	224	17	198	37
Shallow Well	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. Jack Campbell, RFD, Sanford	W. E. Cox, Jonesboro Hts., Sanford	249	6	9	1	2	256	13	288	100
Six Forks	Inactive	....	....	*23	....	....	....	....	*23	....	....	....
Southern Pines	R. L. House	D. A. Blue, Sr., Southern Pines	T. S. Shockley, 310 N. Page St.	273	13	30	3	9	294	15	135	60
Turner's Chapel	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. D. V. Wicker, R. 5, Sanford	L. C. Wicker, R. 4, Sanford	98	11	22	1	3	117	10	175	36
Wake Chapel	F. P. Register	Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Fuquay Springs	Melvin Cotton, R. 2, Varina	255	18	41	1	6	290	18	229	....
Wentworth	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. J. W. Hines, R. 3, Raleigh	R. H. Brown, R. 3, Raleigh	115	7	10	....	....	125	10	100	....
Youngsville	E. M. Carter	W. G. Scarborough, Youngsville	Mrs. E. M. Carter, Youngsville	42	3	4	....	....	46	10	39	12
Totals	....	....	....	6,579	227	485	40	380	6,684	410	3,896	821

*Figures of last available report.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 4—FINANCE—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superannuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Raised for Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Funf for Retired Ministers	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Amelia	$ 30	$ 30	$ 51	$ 22	$ 7	$ 7	$ 18	$ 8	$ *3	....	$ 176	$ 9	....	$ 15	$ 35	$ 235.50	$ 650	$ 516	.....	$ 1,166	$ 1,401.50	$ 4,000
Antioch	15	15	17	17	7	7	12	8	*3	$ 7	108	....	....	.....	70	178.50	300	233	.....	533	711.50	2,500
Auburn	54	54	142	.....	....	10	....	....	....	....	260	....	....	11	26	297.00	500	496	.....	996	1,293.00	5,500
Bethel	.....	.....	38	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	....	....	.....	.....	38.00	230	38	.....	268	306.00	800
Bethlehem	13	13	8	6	3	3	11	6	*1	3	67	....	....	.....	20	87.50	200	50	.....	250	337.50	1,500
Beulah	30	55	37	18	7	7	18	22	2	5	201	....	....	33	20	254.00	800	1,344	.....	2,144	2,398.00	7,000
Catawba Springs	.....	.....	332	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	332	....	....	.....	.....	332.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	332.00	20,000
Chapel Hill	40	40	64	34	11	11	24	4	*5	11	244	....	....	56	100	400.50	1,860	316	.....	2,176	2,576.50	35,000
Christian Chapel	.....	.....	17	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	....	....	.....	.....	17.00	100	100	.....	200	217.00	1,000
Christian Light	.....	.....	45	.....	....	....	....	....	....	25	70	....	....	.....	150	220.00	300	200	$ 1,100	1,600	1,820.00	20,000
Clayton	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000
Damascus	20	15	22	21	6	6	14	5	2	7	118	....	....	16	50	184.00	600	228	25	853	1,037.00	7,000
Ebenezer	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	91	91.00	500	156	.....	656	747.00	5,000
Fuller's Chapel	38	38	41	33	9	9	24	9	*4	9	214	9	$ 7	61	50	341.50	300	464	.....	764	1,105.50	6,000
Good Hope	25	25	20	18	7	7	15	8	*2	5	132	....	9	.....	25	166.50	330	55	.....	385	551.50	4,000
Hayes Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	25	25.00	300	50	1,200	1,550	1,575.00	4,000
Henderson	63	63	235	94	20	20	35	19	*8	15	572	36	33	210	150	1,001.50	2,700	2,288	800	5,788	6,789.50	30,000
Hope Mills	33	33	40	28	9	9	15	3	2	....	172	....	....	.....	25	197.00	480	111	.....	591	788.00	4,000
Lebanon	.....	.....	31	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	....	....	.....	15	46.00	108	33	.....	141	187.00	2,000
Lee's Chapel	.....	.....	15	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	....	....	.....	15	30.00	220	108	.....	328	358.00	4,000
Liberty (Vance)	177	177	279	216	45	45	82	28	*19	37	1,105	22	14	225	196	1,562.50	1,640	3,080	538	5,258	6,820.50	30,000
Martha's Chapel	20	20	18	.....	7	....	4	....	....	5	74	....	....	.....	10	84.00	243	66	.....	309	393.00	3,000
Moore Union	3	3	12	5	2	....	....	....	....	7	32	....	....	.....	15	47.00	200	22	.....	222	269.00	5,000
Morrisville	45	40	87	21	9	10	11	4	*4	9	240	....	....	.....	20	260.50	180	131	72	383	643.50	4,000
Mt. Auburn	76	76	259	91	30	30	38	8	*7	13	628	....	17	102	50	797.50	600	128	3,500	4,228	5,025.50	8,000

Mt. Carmel	30	30	21	21	7	7	18	8	3	5	150	....	....	.....	150	300.00	250	55	150	455	755.00	5,000
Mt. Gilead	20	20	53	12	5	14	5	....	....	11	140	5	....	.....	25	170.00	600	90	.....	690	860.00	5,000
Mt. Hermon	.....	25	34	14	2	7	....	....	....	5	87	....	....	.....	10	97.00	300	98	.....	398	495.00	4,000
New Elam	27	53	117	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	197	....	....	.....	167	364.00	400	272	.....	672	1,036.00	7,000
New Hope	41	41	153	30	11	11	21	18	*4	9	339	7	....	51	219	616.50	800	264	1,000	2,064	2,680.50	7,000
Niagara	13	13	10	10	4	4	9	2	*6	....	71	....	8	.....	50	129.50	200	50	.....	250	379.50	3,000
Oak Level	38	38	37	31	11	11	21	8	*4	9	208	9	6	.....	50	273.50	342	105	50	497	770.50	5,000
O'Kelly's Chapel	8	8	15	5	1	1	9	2	1	....	50	....	....	.....	10	60.00	240	40	39	319	379.00	3,500
Piney Plain	.....	.....	216	.....	....	....	....	....	....	5	221	....	....	.....	25	246.00	360	143	.....	503	749.00	3,000
Pleasant Hill	16	.....	41	.....	....	21	....	....	....	....	78	....	....	.....	15	93.00	217	50	.....	267	360.00	6,200
Pleasant Union	5	5	170	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	180	....	....	.....	.....	180.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	180.00	5,000
Plymouth	36	36	39	39	9	9	18	11	*3	7	207	....	15	.....	98	320.50	500	504	397	1,401	1,721.50	6,000
Pope's Chapel	23	23	33	20	5	5	19	4	2	9	143	....	....	.....	15	158.00	400	66	.....	466	624.00	6,000
Raleigh	101	101	10	73	23	23	45	25	*9	....	410	60	....	246	200	916.50	3,600	2,827	.....	6,427	7,343.50	125,000
Sanford	63	63	100	82	14	16	32	16	*6	13	405	....	25	223	100	753.50	3,000	1,983	26,553	31,536	32,289.50	†100,000
Shallow Well	56	56	58	54	14	14	29	14	*5	11	311	37	....	.....	237	585.50	1,250	1,272	21,344	23,866	24,451.50	40,000
Six Forks	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000
Southern Pines	75	100	145	63	14	14	32	16	*7	13	479	52	41	105	300	977.50	3,510	4,219	663	8,392	9,369.50	75,000
Turner's Chapel	30	30	92	42	9	9	18	6	3	7	246	....	....	86	100	432.00	800	414	1,649	2,863	3,295.00	20,000
Wake Chapel	247	247	2,136	220	20	20	55	18	15	25	3,003	....	....	213	200	3,416.00	1,480	1,375	4,194	7,049	10,465.00	†50,000
Wentworth	.....	.....	127	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	127	....	....	.....	100	227.00	500	200	2,500	3,200	3,427.00	4,000
Youngsville	20	20	25	18	9	9	14	4	3	5	127	....	....	25	31	183.00	400	256	.....	656	839.00	6,000
Christian Miss. Asso.	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$1,531	$1,606	$5,442	$1,358	$337	$376	$666	$284	$142	$292	$ 12,034	$246	$175	$1,678	$3,610	$17,743.00	$ 32,490	$ 24,496	$ 65,774	$122,760	$ 140,153.00	$706,000

*These churches gave 50 cents more on Scholarship Fund than indicated, thus increasing the total of this column and the Total Apportionments column by $9.

†The following churches reported the indebtedness indicated: Sanford, $18,000; Wake Chapel, $2,000.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Antioch	Ellis N. Clarke	W. E. Garrison, Jr., B. 154, Windsor	W. E. Garrison, Jr., Windsor	108	....	3	1	3	108	8	63	.....
Barretts	W. L. Wood	P. B. Barrett, Sedley	John Simms, Jr., Sedley	59	3	3	....	....	62	6	32	.....
Berea, Nansemond	*H. S. Hardcastle	Mrs. H. P. Harrell, Box 104, Driver	Mrs. R. T. Bradford, R. 2, Suffolk	179	9	17	....	6	190	15	200	50
Bethlehem, Disp.	John Gallo	John C. Tomko, Prince George	Alvin Sykora, RFD, Pr. George	121	....	....	1	1	120	6	66	.....
Bethlehem, Nans.	R. E. Brittle	W. E. White, 108 Chestnut, Suffolk	Edw. T. Johnson, R. 3, Suffolk	585	43	78	9	26	637	32	406	62
Burton's Grove	W. L. Wood	Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield	D. C. Gay, Wakefield	39	1	2	1	1	40	7	35	21
Centerville	J. E. McCauley	Mrs. J. R. Padgett, Disputanta	R. F. Livesay, Disputanta	68	....	....	1	2	66	8	36	.....
Cypress Chapel	E. T. Farrell	Mrs. G. C. Mann, Cypress Chapel	Jack Byrd, R. 1, Suffolk	403	12	14	1	17	400	22	220	79
Dendron	W. L. Wood	Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron	40	....	....	....	....	40	11	49	10
Eure	L. B. Grice	J. H. Lilley, Eure, N. C.	T. A. Eure, Eure, N. C.	305	....	....	4	7	298	8	118	60
Franklin	W. A. Grissom	W. T. Jones, Paces Court, Franklin	Sam Bradshaw, Franklin	454	12	29	2	34	449	24	325	45
Great Bridge, Berea	H. E. Crutchfield	Mrs. Etta Daniels, R. 1, Hickory	E. E. Waterfield, R. 1, Hickory	258	5	8	1	4	262	20	254	.....
Holland	J. H. Lightbourne	J. R. Jones, Holland	L. P. Waldo, Jr., Holland	428	....	1	2	4	425	12	162	.....
Holy Neck	Allen L. Hurdle	Mrs. A. P. Umphlett, R. 1, Holland	Harry L. Weaver, R. 1, Holland	327	8	11	5	7	331	16	261	29
Hopewell	D. D. Nash	Mrs. Frank Sodomka, 106 S. 3d Ave.	G. A. Robertson, 207 N. 15th Ave.	210	2	6	3	4	212	10	60	28
Isle of Wight	Ellis N. Clark	Mrs. R. F. Whitley, Isle of Wight	S. Ray Turner, Isle of Wight	88	....	....	1	5	83	11	64	14
Johnson's Grove	W. A. Grissom	Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Sedley	.....	50	....	....	1	1	49	....	.....	.....
Liberty Spring	*Jesse H. Dollar	Mrs. Emily H. Lynch, R. 1, Suffolk	Jos. A. Savage, R. 1, Whaleyville	427	3	9	4	88	348	51	304	50
Mt. Carmel	Ellis N. Clark	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni	Stanley Lowe, Walters	224	5	5	1	6	223	22	235	50
Mt. Zion	W. S. Carne	Mrs. Geo. W. Dixon, Eclipse	John R. Dixon, Jr., Eclipse	45	3	6	....	....	51	13	79	11
New Lebanon	.....	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon	55	....	....	....	1	54	7	35	12
Newport News	A. Lanson Granger	Mrs. J. H. Duling, 1218 20th St.	W. B. Williams, 1253 24th St.	580	5	12	2	15	577	31	355	60
Norfolk: Bay View	J. L. Griffin	Mrs. B. C. Haskett, 8570 Chesapeake	C. C. Mountcastle, 8526 Sturgis St.	121	4	11	....	5	127	11	119	.....
Christian Temple	W. M. Stevens	L. W. Vaughan, Jr., 730 Deleware	C. E. Reynolds, Jr., 504 Burleigh	827	29	59	6	42	844	30	451	109
First	C. C. Thomas	V. E. Holloman, 805 W. Liberty St.	Mrs. J. M. Harris, 201 Poplar Ave.	165	3	3	2	5	163	14	120	.....

Little Creek	M. E. Taylor	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, 3200 Shore Dr.	A. J. Scarborough, 3200 Shore Dr.	55	7	9	....	4	60	10	118	15
Rosemont	H. G. Councill, Jr.	Mrs. A. C. Dyer, 3605 Bainbridge	H. R. Morrison, Sr., 2906 B'bridge.	528	15	26	5	13	541	39	380	98
Second	J. E. Neese	C. C. Etheridge, 529 Burleigh Ave	W. W. Starnes, 6818 Granby Dr	167	1	8	2	5	170	11	111	20
Oak Grove	E. T. Farrell	John F. Parker, Sunbury, N. C	N. R. Eason, Sunbury, N. C	67	3	4	1	3	68	5	52	14
Oakland	*H. S. Hardcastle	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton	C. W. Darden, R. 4, Suffolk	436	....	14	3	17	433	13	334	30
Portsmouth:												
Elm Avenue	Henry M. George	J. A. Branch, 18 S. Colin Drive	B. P. Deans, 107 Baldwin Ave	95	17	17	....	46	66	15	80	24
First	W. S. Carne	Miss Caroline Gort, 1713 Spratley St.	W. W. Piland, 1716 Ann St	259	10	14	3	10	263	22	162	30
Shelton Memorial	V. T. Crawford	W. F. Lawrence, 1724 Matthews Tr.	J. E. Andrews, 4702 County St	127	1	14	6	13	128	10	71	6
Richmond	R. C. Helfenstein	Miss Ruth Burgess, 3220 Floyd Ave.	L. L. Bond, 523 Granite Ave	188	3	12	1	33	167	17	123	.....
South Norfolk	O. D. Poythress	C. E. Hollowell, 1044 Chesapeake	J. T. Hare, 837 Bainbridge Blvd	768	50	57	2	12	813	40	469	171
Spring Hill	J. E. McCauley	H. E. Drewery, Jr., Wakefield	G. C. White, Waverly	74	....	....	....	....	74	8	48	12
Suffolk	Duane N. Vore	J. L. Byrd, Suffolk	Floyd A. Turner, Suffolk	1,514	11	41	10	312	1,243	52	797	.....
Sunbury	E. T. Farrell	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C	C. H. Pierce, Jr., Sunbury, N. C	190	2	4	2	10	184	10	120	.....
Union, Southampton	Melvin Dollar	Mrs. Morris Blythe, R, 2, Franklin	W. G. O'Brien, R. 2, Franklin	175	16	51	2	24	202	10	214	44
Union, Surry	J. M. Roberts	Frederick F. Huber, Dendron	G. S. Huber, Spring Grove	27	....	....	....	....	27	6	21	.....
Wakefield	W. L. Wood	Wallace Brittle, RFD, Wakefield	Samuel Brittle, Wakefield	118	2	11	1	1	128	16	115	15
Waverly	J. E. McCauley	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly	R. H. Clarke, Waverly	205	2	3	5	8	200	15	138	.....
Windsor	Ellis N. Clarke	Miss M. V. Griffin, Windsor	Dr. F. I. Steele, Windsor	152	5	18	5	6	164	11	152	35
Totals				11,311	292	580	96	801	11,090	705	7,554	1,204

*I. W. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 6—FINANCE—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superannuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Raised for Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$ 30	$ 7	$ 12	$ 30	$ 22	$ 13	$ 33	$ 10	$ 5	....	....	....	$ 162	....	$ 17	$ 104	$ 10	$ 49	$ 342	$ 600	$ 435	....	$ 1,035	$ 1,377	$ 5,000
Barrett's	15	14	9	20	11	7	5	5	5	$ 5	$ 5	$ 2	103	....	....	266	....	....	369	322	84	$ 145	551	920	11,000
Berea, Nansemond	110	99	93	60	44	33	38	10	15	....	....	....	502	$ 18	....	....	100	15	635	1,950	700	6,000	8,650	9,285	52,000
Bethlehem, Disp.	36	34	12	10	11	7	11	10	5	5	5	4	150	35	....	....	25	175	385	1,500	395	246	2,141	2,526	8,500
Bethlehem, Nans.	157	154	374	149	66	80	55	35	15	15	50	15	1,165	30	....	589	105	664	2,553	2,400	979	11,000	14,379	16,932	*30,000
Burton's Grove	14	11	32	10	9	7	9	2	5	5	5	1	110	....	....	46	10	1	167	350	35	25	410	577	7,000
Centerville	15	14	21	15	10	5	5	4	5	5	5	2	106	....	....	....	....	....	106	168	136	80	384	490	1,500
Cypress Chapel	145	156	150	115	44	47	49	22	15	....	....	....	743	18	....	310	....	....	1,071	1,500	881	2,500	4,881	5,952	25,000
Dendron	20	20	83	38	10	7	5	2	6	3	3	3	200	5	....	135	....	342	682	288	315	143	746	1,428	4,500
Eure	50	55	78	50	10	10	30	15	10	....	....	....	308	....	....	94	....	100	502	600	348	....	948	1,450	2,500
Franklin	285	337	245	245	45	80	110	22	15	15	75	12	1,486	....	....	488	35	....	2,009	3,800	3,904	26,501	34,205	36,214	127,000
Great Bridge, Berea	130	156	60	40	55	33	55	15	15	....	....	....	559	....	....	82	10	10	661	2,315	1,665	1,398	5,378	6,039	37,000
Holland	300	250	500	250	58	70	132	28	10	10	75	12	1,695	....	25	310	25	63	2,118	2,304	2,037	1,094	5,435	7,553	105,000
Holy Neck	110	100	210	140	45	45	80	20	10	10	25	9	804	....	....	309	30	132	1,275	2,400	1,491	525	4,416	5,691	25,000
Hopewell	30	15	11	....	....	7	5	....	....	....	....	....	68	....	....	10	....	....	78	888	260	622	1,770	1,848	8,000
Isle of Wight	15	20	30	62	5	5	20	5	10	10	10	2	194	9	9	85	10	373	680	625	473	1,510	2,608	3,288	*25,000
Johnson's Grove	20	20	10	10	11	7	5	5	10	5	5	5	113	....	....	66	....	....	179	200	15	....	215	394	4,000
Liberty Spring	115	113	134	145	35	40	49	22	15	15	40	12	735	....	....	468	400	554	2,157	2,250	2,192	17,063	21,505	23,662	70,000
Mt. Carmel	145	142	132	105	44	27	55	15	15	15	35	7	737	....	....	207	10	103	1,057	900	950	350	2,200	3,257	10,000
Mt. Zion	15	14	11	15	11	7	5	4	5	5	5	....	97	4	....	67	....	186	354	735	868	94	1,697	2,051	8,000
New Lebanon	45	42	12	30	11	13	16	5	10	....	....	....	184	2	....	30	....	35	251	350	200	70	620	871	7,500
Newport News	483	648	600	503	120	150	200	30	25	25	100	15	2,899	....	86	341	495	5,012	8,833	3,350	6,528	3,319	13,197	22,030	*133,500
Norfolk, Bay View	50	42	56	40	11	7	22	5	10	10	5	4	262	....	12	152	75	5	506	2,500	3,148	57	5,705	6,211	14,000
Christian Temple	950	940	321	850	132	157	400	80	35	35	100	131	4,131	....	....	597	2,695	838	8,261	4,475	12,585	13,237	30,297	38,558	510,000
First	70	35	202	60	5	30	20	15	10	....	....	....	447	....	....	115	....	194	756	2,250	2,396	2,419	7,065	7,821	56,000

Little Creek	20	20	30	5	5	3	5	5	2	4	2	10	111	....	10	100	50	51	322	1,820	197	905	2,922	3,244	11,000
Rosemont	375	475	825	250	50	81	75	30	25	25	80	14	2,305	40	....	375	30	184	2,934	3,640	3,650	377	7,667	10,601	75,000
Second	30	30	112	12	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	224	....	....	56	30	46	356	3,575	1,920	7,774	13,269	13,625	*24,000
Oak Grove	60	57	70	30	11	7	27	7	5	.....	.....	.....	274	....	....	83	.....	20	377	300	104	.....	404	781	5,800
Oakland	130	128	154	125	38	33	44	25	10	15	35	10	747	33	....	216	70	533	1,599	1,469	1,057	6,367	8,893	10,492	77,000
Portsmouth,																									
Elm Avenue	145	136	37	50	22	27	33	12	5	5	30	3	505	....	....	.....	.....	1,287	1,792	2,155	2,260	188	4,603	6,395	25,000
First	200	199	150	185	44	47	77	10	10	10	35	6	973	13	10	191	160	160	1,507	3,000	2,856	1,271	7,127	8,634	*113,000
Shelton Memorial	45	43	24	15	22	13	22	5	10	10	5	3	217	....	25	116	10	6	374	1,500	1,355	376	3,231	3,605	26,000
Richmond	145	142	121	185	22	27	55	10	15	15	35	5	777	38	20	100	.....	.....	935	3,227	5,511	2,107	10,845	11,780	120,000
South Norfolk	246	244	239	230	61	33	93	42	15	15	60	20	1,298	104	....	216	85	1,243	2,946	3,720	5,361	1,667	10,748	13,694	250,000
SpringHill	49	49	30	33	11	7	22	5	5	5	10	2	228	....	....	18	.....	7	253	180	89	162	431	684	5,000
Suffolk	438	438	805	914	75	150	395	100	40	40	300	43	3,738	....	....	1,414	160	958	6,270	3,998	17,732	1,580	23,310	29,580	295,000
Sunbury, Damascus	75	57	63	75	11	13	33	12	10	10	15	5	379	22	....	174	40	175	790	1,300	1,321	161	2,782	3,572	*38,000
Union, Southampton	85	85	72	75	11	13	27	10	20	20	15	5	438	....	....	118	20	200	776	1,680	338	4,750	6,768	7,544	*17,000
Union, Surry	29	29	102	20	11	7	5	3	5	5	5	2	223	....	....	.....	.....	20	243	110	23	.....	133	376	3,000
Wakefield	57	54	56	60	22	7	24	9	5	5	10	4	313	....	....	108	20	.....	441	1,400	584	1,260	3,244	3,685	24,000
Waverly	180	170	143	185	22	13	88	15	15	10	25	5	871	20	....	100	110	289	1,390	1,900	1,229	275	3,404	4,794	36,800
Windsor	130	128	140	147	22	13	44	9	15	15	30	4	697	20	12	220	20	221	1,190	650	963	.....	1,613	2,803	10,000
Totals	$5,794	$5,922	$6,571	$5,588	$1,285	$1,428	$2,483	$695	$493	$402	$1,240	$377	$ 32,278	$411	$226	$8,476	$4,840	$ 14,251	$ 60,482	$ 74,644	$ 89,570	$117,618	$281,832	$342,314	$2,342,600

*The following churches reported indebtedness in the amounts given: Bethlehem, Nansemond, $7,000; Isle of Wight, $2,000; Newport News, $19,260; Christian Temple, $8,200; Second, Norfolk, $1,800; First, Portsmouth, $5,000; Sunbury, Damascus, $3,200; Union, Southampton, $2,000.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 7—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Albemarle	W. W. Hall	Alfred G. Plyler, 708 N. Depot St.	Ardell Simmons, 319 East St.	266	14	19	....	12	273	16	231	45
Antioch (C.)	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. G. O. Lassiter, B. 43, Pittsboro	W. C. Thomas, R. 2, Bear Creek	111	10	10	2	2	119	9	94	15
Antioch (R.)	G. M. Tally	Henry Ritter, R. 1, Seagrove	Robt. C. Hayes, R. 1, Seagrove	103	3	13	1	3	113	8	151	30
Asheboro	F. C. Lester	Mrs. Everette Cox, Asheboro	Paul Shane, White Oak St.	102	....	1	1	2	101	24	225	60
Bailey's Grove	B. H. Lowdermilk	Mrs. Pearl Allred, R. 1, Asheboro	Edwin Hill, R. 1, Asheboro	38	....	....	1	2	36	5	82	15
Bennett	J. Q. Pugh	L. M. Murray, Bennett	L. M. Murray, Bennett	*32	....	....	....	....	*32	....	....	10
Big Oak	J. A. Denton	D. E. Cale, Biscoe		62	1	1	....	....	63	10	75	25
Biscoe	C. Fred Allred			53	....	....	....	....	53	4	40	....
Brown's Chapel	H. V. Cox, Sr.	Mrs. Viola Key, R. 2, B. 2, Robbins	Chas. H. Key, R. 2, Robbins	204	3	3	1	2	205	7	130	20
Center Grove		Mrs. J. B. Shaver, R. 1, Moncure	J. B. Shaver, R. 1, Moncure	22	....	....	....	....	22	....	....	5
Ether	T. D. Sutton	May Alice Freeman, Ether	H. J. Cochrane, Ether	75	....	3	1	3	75	6	45	20
Flint Hill (M.)	E. C. Brady	Miss Etta Rea Britt, R. 1, Biscoe	W. T. Britt, R. 1, Biscoe	56	1	1	....	....	57	4	45	20
Flint Hill (R.)	W. T. Madren	Miss Lola Farlow, R. 1, Sophia	Harvey Lanier, R. 1, Sophia	41	....	....	....	3	38	9	40	10
Grace's Chapel	R. T. Grissom	A. C. Farrell, Sanford	Bluford Coe, R. 1, Sanford	214	5	6	2	12	208	13	191	35
Hank's Chapel	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. Winfred Mann, B. 335, Pittsboro	Ralph Riddle, B. 86, Pittsboro	221	7	9	2	8	222	11	161	40
High Point	G. H. Veazey	Mrs. Leta Moffitt, R. 5, High Point	Bruce Woodell, R. 5, High Point	127	1	1	....	45	83	13	103	42
Liberty	L. M. Pressnell	Miss Rebecca Fogleman, Liberty	Jack P. Shoffner, Liberty	93	8	12	2	5	100	12	126	25
Mt. Pleasant	P. W. Fisher	L. D. Brooks, R. 2, Vass	E. M. Marks, R. 2, Cameron	64	....	....	....	....	64	7	82	15
Needham's Grove	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. Quincy Hussey, R. 1, Steeds	Newton Owens, R. 1, Steeds	138	10	11	....	5	144	8	109	20
New Center	H. V. Cox, Sr.	Mrs. A. L. Davis, Seagrove	Raeford Pierce, Seagrove	86	11	11	....	....	97	6	94	10
Parks' Cross Roads	G. M. Tally			212	....	....	....	....	212	....	....	50
Patterson's Grove				23	....	....	....	....	23	....	....	....
Pleasant Cross	E. C. Brady	Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, R. 1, B. 362, Asheb.	Victor Smith, R. 1, Asheboro	53	....	....	....	....	53	6	64	22
Pleasant Grove	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. J. M. Brown, R. 1, Bennett	M. E. Jones, R. 1, Bennett	318	30	32	4	6	344	12	164	40
Pleasant Hill	M. A. Pollard	Mrs. E. Wrenn, R. 2, Snow Camp	R. P. Overman, R. 2, Liberty	249	3	9	1	6	252	11	241	83

Pleasant Ridge	Clyde L. Fields	Mrs. Harry Stewart, B. 84, Ramseur	Theodore Cox, R. 1, Ramseur	165	15	22	3	4	183	7	170	35
Pleasant Union	B. H. Lowdermilk	Mrs. I. L. McDowell, R. 2, Asheboro	Lewis Trotter, R. 3, Asheboro	42	....	....	1	1	41	7	127	21
Providence Chapel	J. U. Fogleman	H. B. J. Moore, R. 2, B. 27, Robbins	....	19	5	5	....	....	24	....	....	....
Ramseur	J. A. Denton	R. L. Smith, R. 1, B. 456a, Asheboro	Roy L. Smith, R. 1, Asheboro	125	2	3	1	7	121	19	119	25
Randleman	B. H. Lowdermilk	Wm. G. Lamb, B. 95, Randleman	Vance Dorsett, Randleman	51	2	2	2	2	51	8	90	26
Seagrove	T. D. Sutton	Miss Doris Owens, Steeds	William Thomas, Seagrove	78	5	12	....	....	90	8	98	20
Shady Grove	T. D. Sutton	Mrs. Charles Singleton, Troy	C. H. Shankle, Ether	70	12	13	1	2	81	7	57	10
Shiloh	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. C. L. Beane, R. 1, Ramseur	K. F. Moore, R. 1, Ramseur	112	....	6	....	7	111	8	100	25
Smithwood	T. F. Bowers	Edward Smith, R. 3, Liberty	Thos. B. Lowe, R. 1, Liberty	179	....	....	....	3	176	9	129	30
Sophia	W. T. Madren	Mrs. Conrad Hollingsworth, Sophia	Stacy Hayes, Sophia	56	4	5	1	3	59	8	60	15
Spoon's Chapel	Clyde L. Fields	Miss Edith Stout, R. 1, B. 476, Ash'o	Gillis Luck, R. 1, Asheboro	28	2	3	1	1	30	9	56	10
Union Grove	Clyde L. Fields	Arlin Cable, R. 4, Asheboro	Paul Wilson, R. 1, Asheboro	98	7	11	....	....	109	10	100	42
Zion	R. E. Tally	Mrs. L. L. Baker, R. 5, Sanford	C. M. Wicker, R. 4, Sanford	142	....	....	2	7	135	8	90	18
Totals	....	....	....	4,128	161	225	28	153	4,200	309	3,689	914

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 8—FINANCE—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions and	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superannuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Raised for Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Raised for Christian Missionary Assoc'n	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Altemarle	$ 100	$ 100	$ 122	$ 75	$ 20	$ 20	$ 50	$ 10	$ 5	$ 20	$ 522			$103	$ 20	$ 360	$ 1,005	$ 2,600	$ 600	$ 2,108	$ 5,308	$ 6,313	$ 26,000
Antioch (C)			50								50					58	108	272	330	990	1,592	1,700	1,500
Antioch (R)																							2,000
Asheboro	100	125	50	50	20	20	20	10	5	20	420	$ 21		201		15	657	3,985	417	3,340	7,742	8,399	*72,000
Bailey's Grove			28								28						28	154	48		202	230	3,000
Bennett	2	2	10	4	1	1		1			21				50		71	101	50		151	222	2,500
Big Oak	25	55	54	20	10	10	20	10	5	15	224						224	175	100		275	499	5,000
Biscoe																5	5	50	50	100	200	205	5,000
Brown's Chapel	40	40	20	20	10	10	30	10	5		185	8					193	289	386	105	780	973	4,500
Center Grove																			100	100	200	200	2,500
Ether	40	46	40	24	12	10	20	7	5	20	224	5			19	53	301	520	48	813	1,381	1,682	2,500
Flint Hill (M)	22	22	26	4							74					44	118	175	50	93	318	436	1,500
Flint Hill (R)	25	25	20	20	10	10	15	10	5	10	150			15		5	170	196	75	220	491	661	*2,500
Grace's Chapel	60	60	175	50	20	20	30	10	5	35	465					36	501	767	376	790	1,933	2,434	8,000
Hank's Chapel	100	147	110	60	20	20	30	10	5	20	522	13		281		490	1,306	800	227	4,357	5,384	6,690	*18,000
High Point	40	40	30	30	10	10	20	10	5	20	215		$ 5	20		35	275	2,080	460	982	3,522	3,797	*16,000
Liberty	50	50	48	35	10	10	20	10	5	20	258	11		25	7	53	354	631	883	800	2,314	2,668	7,500
Mt. Pleasant	24	24	20	20	8	8	16	8	4		132	10	17	5			164	165	169	50	384	548	3,000
Needham's Grove	30	30	20	20	10	10	20	10	5	21	176		22		3	59	260	955	90		1,045	1,305	6,000
New Center	30	20	60			10	10			14	144				10		154	322	176		498	652	2,000
Parks Cross Roads																							10,000
Patterson's Grove																							2,000
Pleasant Cross	25	25	56	20	10	10	15	10	5	10	186		2			103	291	299	100	111	510	801	4,000
Pleasant Grove	40	40	48	35	20	20	20	10	5	25	263	2		35			300	600	100		700	1,000	10,000
Pleasant Hill	123	123	317	75	35	40	60	20	5	50	848			80		400	1,328	2,250	934	2,335	5,519	6,847	18,000

Pleasant Ridge	110	110	74	65	20	20	50	20	5	65	539	7	....	84	24	.....	654	1,200	635	4,348	6,183	6,837	20,000
Pleasant Union	25	25	184	20	10	10	15	10	5	20	324	....	....	....	....	104	428	830	100	482	1,412	1,840	2,500
Providence Chapel	7	6	10	10	5	5	5	5	5	....	58	....	2	....	....	.....	60	324	119	203	646	706	2,000
Ramseur	10	10	311	10	5	26	5	5	5	....	387	....	....	44	....	385	816	600	554	419	1,573	2,389	10,000
Randleman	50	50	35	35	10	10	20	10	5	25	250	....	....	....	....	75	325	960	240	3,000	4,200	4,525	6,000
Seagrove	40	46	49	40	20	20	30	5	5	25	280	....	5	....	....	.....	285	960	52	.....	1,012	1,297	11,000
Shady Grove	25	28	20	15	5	5	15	5	5	5	128	....	...	....	30	160	318	424	39	121	584	902	3,000
Shiloh	.....	.....	140	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	140	....	....	....	....	98	238	489	33	12,000	12,522	12,760	20,000
Smithwood	50	50	45	10	....	....	....	....	....	25	180	....	....	12	....	.....	192	989	50	434	1,473	1,665	6,500
Sophia	25	25	20	20	20	10	20	10	5	25	180	....	....	....	....	120	300	1,040	57	488	1,585	1,885	11,000
Spoon's Chapel	25	25	20	20	10	10	10	10	5	....	135	11	....	34	....	28	208	275	22	245	542	750	2,000
Union Grove	25	25	31	20	10	10	20	11	5	25	182	....	....	10	....	135	327	446	156	652	1,254	1,581	12,000
Zion	7	7	253	3	3	3	3	3	5	....	287	....	....	....	....	404	691	425	200	500	1,125	1,816	10,000
Totals	$1,275	$1,381	$2,496	$ 830	$344	$368	$589	$250	$129	$515	$ 8,177	$ 88	$ 53	$949	$163	$3,225	$ 12,655	$ 26,348	$ 8,026	$ 40,186	$ 74,560	$ 87,215	$ 351,000

*The following churches reported indebtedness in the amount stated: Asheboro, $17,000; Flint Hill (R), $250; Hanks Chapel, $4,000; High Point, 2,000.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 9—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrolment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Apple's Chapel	J. R. Lackey	Mrs. R. E. Apple, Whitsett	J. P. Huffines, R. 1, Gibsonville	467	....	....	3	9	458	13	217	110
Asheville	Earl D. Weed	Traynham Houston, 147 Westwood	Mrs. F. G. Nelson, Horizon Hill	116	7	9	1	43	82	7	45	30
Belew Creek	*	Mrs. H. C. Murray, Belew Creek	J. G. Neal, Jr., Belew Creek	93	2	5	....	....	98	8	83	25
Berea	B. A. Leebrick	Mrs. G. H. Pritchett, R. 1, Elon Col.	Clarence McIntyre, R2, Elon Col.	122	....	....	....	4	118	8	108	25
Bethel	W. W. Snyder	Mrs. Lewis King, R. 2, Burlington	Lewls King, R. 2, Burlington	201	7	8	....	36	173	14	106	30
Bethlehem	G. C. Crutchfield	Clyde Iseley, R. 4, Burlington	Joe Madren, R. 4, Burlington	339	28	34	5	10	363	18	243	50
Burlington	H. E. Robinson	R. W. Morton, Jr., Burlington	Don Frederick, 213 Rolling Rd.	850	5	7	4	14	843	32	435	100
Carolina	B. A. Leebrick	Mrs. Kathlean Trollinger, R. 3, Blg.	J. W. Trollinger, Sr., R. 3, Blgntn.	66	10	13	....	2	77	8	131	30
Concord	W. W. Snyder	Mrs. W. R. Simmons, R2, Elon Col.	H. P. Terrell, R1, Elon College	118	6	6	....	1	123	8	71	26
Danville	M. T. Sorrell	Miss Peggy R. Blanks, 158 3d Ave.	J. R. Davidson, 542 Ricketts St.	925	60	203	16	31	1,097	55	905	100
Durham	S. C. Harrell	J. O. Kimrey, 807 W. Club Blvd.	Mrs. J. L. Perry, 1007 N. Gregson.	458	11	25	5	14	469	38	252	74
Elk Spur	Jas. W. Madren	Miss Bernice Ayres, Fancy Gap, Va.	Mrs. Lanie Utt, Fancy Gap, Va.	72	4	4	....	6	70	6	65	20
Elon College	H. P. Bozarth	Mrs. G. W. Longest, R. 1, Elon Col.	J. Mark McAdams, Elon College	346	11	25	1	13	358	43	276	370
Gibsonville	J. H. Loman	Mrs. Audrey Wyrick, Box 374	Carl Lee, R. 2, Burlington	289	1	5	3	4	290	12	242	50
Graham, Prov.-Mem.	F. E. Reynolds	Mrs. Ella A. Holt, 403 N. Main St.	Robt. Russell, 223 W. Harden St.	97	....	2	1	5	94	9	121	30
Greensboro, First	W. E. Wisseman	R. G. Moffitt, 218 E. Bragg St.	J. H. Rountree, 515 Woodlawn Av.	485	6	28	3	39	474	29	292	75
Palm Street	M. V. Welch	Mrs. P. R. Hall, 3710 High Point Rd.	Mack Fulk, 2302 Maple St.	320	3	6	1	131	195	23	190	50
Happy Home	T. F. Bowers	Miss Clarice Gunn, R. 3, Reidsville	R. J. Hudson, 19 Irvin St., R'ville.	301	15	20	3	8	313	14	134	35
Haw River	W. P. Smith	Mrs. E. N. Byrd, Haw River	Paul Bason, R. 1, Mebane	171	4	9	....	46	134	13	74	25
Hebron	M. W. Andes	Kent Rice, Nelson, Va	Carl Chandler, Nelson, Va	104	4	6	1	28	82	6	47	15
Hines Chapel	G. J. Rice	L. V. Smith, R. 1, McLeansville	G. W. Barker, R. 5, Greensboro	144	1	2	....	4	142	14	155	50
Hopedale	J. H. Loman	Miss Peggy Faucette, R3, Burlington	L. Rudd, 1109 Piedmont, Burling.	100	1	3	....	....	103	....	.....	25
Howard's Chapel	Inactive											
Ingram	R. T. Woodruff, Jr.	Miss Elsie Satterfield, R3, Danville	J. K. Landrum, Vernon Hill, Va.	212	1	2	....	17	197	12	90	28
Kallam Grove	P. H. Ricketts	Mrs. R. McCallum, R. 2, Madison	I. A. Washburn, R. 1, Summerfield	71	3	4	....	1	74	5	65	15

Lebanon	M. W. Andes	T. J. Earp, Milton	R. S. Taylor, Semora	132	5	7	....	1	138	9	59	15
Liberty	M. W. Andes	C. S. Wilkins, Lennig, Va.	C. S. Wilkins, Lennig, Va.	212	2	2	2	2	212	12	92	30
Long's Chapel	C. J. Clawson	W. J. Fonville, R. 5, Burlington	H. L. Foster, R. 1, Mebane	129	1	1	2	4	126	14	115	20
Lynchburg	J. B. Allan	Earl Dunn, 4873 Fort Ave.	Ettie Harvey, Edgewood Addition	156	....	....	....	12	144	10	100	26
Mebane	J. R. Hailey	Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Mebane	Floyd Moore, Mebane	13	....	....	....	....	13	7	49	12
Monticello	G. J. Rice	Mrs. J. W. Kernodle, Brown Summit	J. E. Cumbie, Brown Summit	110	....	....	2	3	107	11	91	20
Mt. Bethel	P. H. Ricketts	Mrs. Mildred Haynes, Summerfield	Martin Barham, R. 2, Stokesdale	76	3	3	2	4	75	8	68	15
Mt. Zion	W. W. Snyder	Fred Reitzel, R. 5, Burlington	Fred Reitzel, R. 5, Burlington	172	4	5	1	4	173	13	63	75
New Lebanon	P. H. Ricketts	Carrie Sharpe, 818 Crecent Dr., Rds.	J. I. Sharpe, R. 4, Reidsville	209	6	8	1	4	213	9	130	25
Pfafftown	W. J. Andes	Mrs. H. O. Cline, Pfafftown	James Cohn, Pfafftown	40	1	4	....	1	43	11	85	20
Pleasant Grove	R. T. Woodruff, Jr.	Nannie B. Farmer, Vernon Hill, Va.	G. C. Talbert, R. 1, Halifax, Va.	259	....	....	....	2	257	10	80	20
Pleasant Ridge	W. E. Wisseman	Hugh B. Nelson, Guilford College	K. W. Robinson, Summerfield	81	1	1	2	2	81	6	56	20
Reidsville	T. G. Humphries.	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 717 Lawsonville	Chas. McKinney, 807 Lawsonville.	615	13	24	3	12	627	40	440	70
Rocky Ford	Jas. W. Madren	Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.	Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.	55	13	13	2	2	66	6	65	50
Salem Chapel	Allen L. Hurdle	Selma Marshall, R. 2, Walnut Cove	A. J. Gerry, Walnut Cove	119	2	5	....	3	121	9	75	25
Shallow Ford	W. W. Sloan	Mrs. Kate Foster, R. 2, Elon College.	Boyd Tickle, R. 1, Elon College	266	1	7	3	16	257	21	156	50
Tryon, Erskin Mem.	F. W. Murtfeldt	Mrs. Olive Ashworth, Saluda	Nelson Jackson, Tryon	216	10	30	3	5	241	18	129	67
Union (N. C.)	K. D. Register	Mrs. F. Chandler, R. 1, Burlington	F. O. Simmons, 1301 Beach Dr.	336	1	5	4	14	327	24	209	43
Union (Va.)	M. W. Andes	R. A. Dunkley, Virgilina, Va.	A. R. Seat, Virgilina, Va.	445	8	9	3	8	446	9	142	60
Winston-Salem	W. J. Andes	E. M. Whitman, 1023 S. Hawthorne.	W. L. Padget, 1234 E. 24th St.	64	4	19	....	2	81	11	93	10
Zion	G. C. Crutchfield	Connie Pitts, R. 4, Burlington		18	....	....	....	....	18	....	.....	4
Totals				10,191	265	569	77	567	10,193	653	6,644	2,060

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 10—FINANCE—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superannuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Raised for Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property
Apple's Chapel	$ 170	$ 140	$ 136	$ 135	$ 44	$ 43	$ 86	$ 34	$ 14	$ 25	$ 827	$103	....	$ 25	$ 149	$ 690	$ 1,794	$ 1,450	$ 719	$ 6,718	$ 8,887	$ 10,681	$ 20,000
Asheville	37	52	27	8	8	15	8	3	....	....	183	....	....	....	80	....	263	1,480	1,766	948	4,194	4,457	*37,000
Belew Creek	64	43	29	46	18	22	44	9	8	14	297	....	....	5	44	9	355	725	247	24	996	1,351	10,500
Berea	64	43	29	47	19	13	44	10	8	22	299	21	....	15	78	108	521	827	905	785	2,518	3,039	6,000
Bethel	18	18	60	55	10	10	20	4	4	8	207	....	....	15	43	9	274	950	165	2,300	3,415	3,689	8,000
Bethlehem	173	140	156	141	41	40	82	27	12	21	833	....	12	....	15	105	965	1,680	1,740	8,000	11,420	12,385	75,000
Burlington	342	368	2,748	500	115	336	215	64	48	135	4,871	235	108	30	1,500	593	7,337	3,150	12,239	6,301	21,989	29,326	395,000
Carolina	52	28	46	27	29	11	38	6	7	13	257	....	9	10	35	200	511	1,300	450	1,600	3,350	3,861	7,650
Concord	21	16	36	45	16	10	31	9	....	23	207	....	....	5	33	14	259	700	718	10,000	11,418	11,677	23,000
Danville	.....	220	59	61	27	74	56	64	11	....	572	....	....	....	.....	10,599	11,171	3,600	9,223	10,400	23,223	34,394	*175,000
Durham	679	642	505	538	125	151	251	35	38	70	3,034	1	....	40	518	370	3,963	4,000	3,847	60,257	68,104	72,067	*130,000
Elk Spur	24	10	12	11	7	3	18	2	4	....	91	....	....	....	.....	5	96	120	80	1,000	1,200	1,298	6,750
Elon College	467	435	246	427	97	94	196	35	27	50	2,074	....	....	....	448	176	2,698	4,000	3,350	2,600	9,950	12,648	*30,000
Gibsonville	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	....	....	....	.....	10	62	3,380	1,384	.....	4,764	4,826	25,000
Graham, Prov. Mem.	40	17	32	23	14	7	20	6	6	....	165	....	....	....	56	.....	221	1,200	906	500	2,606	2,827	20,000
Greensboro, First	528	†3,095	680	534	100	101	239	36	....	86	5,399	....	61	....	782	215	6,457	4,108	6,060	444	10,611	17,068	78,600
Palm Street	124	120	119	115	27	24	45	21	23	15	633	....	40	10	146	341	1,170	3,457	1,122	34,914	39,493	40,663	*51,100
Happy Home	144	144	203	109	41	63	69	22	12	....	807	....	17	10	112	152	1,098	2,080	993	103	3,177	4,275	29,000
Haw River	131	100	92	107	27	26	56	13	12	33	597	....	8	....	60	50	715	1,800	1,414	323	3,537	4,252	*37,000
Hebron	67	43	32	49	14	13	26	9	8	2	263	....	....	....	.....	10	273	450	124	290	864	1,137	3,000
Hines Chapel	90	90	152	67	20	27	37	10	9	25	527	....	16	20	220	163	946	740	431	2,337	3,508	4,454	17,400
Hopedale	47	27	114	32	14	11	26	8	7	....	286	31	....	....	34	14	365	1,200	500	200	1,900	2,265	15,000
Howard's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000
Ingram	191	160	149	165	44	38	82	17	16	30	892	....	....	....	126	5	1,023	1,250	613	.....	1,863	2,886	32,000
Kallam Grove	47	27	18	30	14	11	20	7	7	20	201	....	....	....	.....	.....	201	360	256	1,500	2,116	2,317	11,000

Lebanon	71	47	57	55	16	13	38	11	8	14	330	12	11	10	.....	100	463	500	80	143	723	1,186	4,000
Liberty	71	57	38	55	19	13	38	16	8	15	330	....	....	5	20	67	422	500	265	105	870	1,292	5,000
Long's Chapel	94	70	160	70	20	19	44	13	9	16	515	....	5	20	38	200	778	2,030	480	2,666	5,176	5,954	12,000
Lynchburg	91	67	56	69	22	19	50	10	9	16	409	28	2	....	57	11	507	2,013	266	1,454	3,733	4,240	30,000
Mebane	13	10	54	21	14	7	7	2	7	9	144	....	....	....	.....	28	172	192	92	335	618	790	5,000
Monticello	55	27	37	35	18	14	37	7	7	....	237	....	....	5	125	20	387	770	220	.....	990	1,377	5,000
Mt. Bethel	74	74	71	67	16	16	28	5	13	....	364	....	....	....	25	.....	389	480	232	144	856	1,245	5,000
Mt. Zion	81	60	50	63	22	16	50	13	8	15	378	....	....	10	20	.....	408	900	275	120	1,295	1,703	15,000
New Lebanon	121	94	111	97	27	24	50	15	12	22	573	10	....	....	67	195	845	700	416	11,641	12,757	13,602	35,000
Pfafftown	34	13	25	18	17	8	20	2	6	16	159	11	7	....	.....	8	185	480	743	.....	1,223	1,408	5,000
Pleasant Grove	104	80	71	79	29	30	56	21	10	18	498	2	8	....	64	215	787	1,000	277	157	1,434	2,221	20,000
Pleasant Ridge	53	30	24	35	16	8	25	4	7	20	222	....	....	....	116	.....	338	600	232	679	1,512	1,850	15,000
Reidsville	228	†4,258	540	184	30	46	196	44	19	36	5,491	....	....	....	406	241	6,138	4,500	5,704	8,647	18,851	24,989	80,000
Rocky Ford	24	13	11	11	7	3	17	2	3	....	91	....	....	....	.....	10	101	50	50	.....	100	201	5,000
Salem Chapel	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	8	....	....	....	41	.....	49	726	311	.....	1,037	1,086	13,000
Shallow Ford	119	81	74	80	39	22	64	16	10	18	523	33	....	....	59	180	795	1,565	776	2,373	4,715	5,510	*24,000
Tryon, Erskine Mem.	144	220	91	107	35	27	64	16	12	....	716	....	....	....	175	350	1,241	3,120	4,314	10,100	17,594	18,835	*105,000
Union (N. C.)	121	90	82	97	35	24	71	26	20	37	603	2	20	15	261	60	961	3,000	1,212	74	4,285	5,246	30,000
Union (Va.)	138	114	104	115	35	34	64	35	12	21	672	15	....	5	157	158	1,007	1,100	1,549	400	3,049	4,056	16,000
Winston-Salem	71	23	35	27	10	16	26	2	11	32	253	26	3	10	75	14	381	2,610	1,421	646	4,677	5,058	23,500
Zion	4	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	13	....	....	....	.....	.....	13	.....	15	500	515	528	4,000
Totals	$5,231	11,410	$7,434	$4,576	$1,298	$1,495	$2,571	$716	$475	$897	$ 36,103	$530	$327	$265	$6,185	$ 15,695	$ 59,105	$ 70,843	$ 68,542	$191,728	$331,113	$390,218	$1,702,500

*The following churches reported indebtedness in the amount stated: Asheville, $2,400; Danville, $4,500; Durham, $12,500; Elon College, $4,500; Palm Street, Greensboro, $10,000; Haw River, $2,961; Shallow Ford, $2,030; Tryon, Erskin Memorial, $1,500.

†Includes Special Projects.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 11—FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONFERENCE	Paid on Convention Home Missions and Church Extension	Paid on Convention Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superanuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment
Virginia Valley Central	$ 1,363	$ 1,464	$ 1,356	$ 898	$ 325	$ 304	$ 611	$ 163	$ 109	$ 978	**	**	$ 7,571
Eastern Virginia	5,794	5,922	6,571	5,588	1,285	1,428	2,483	695	493	402	$ 1,240	$ 377	32,278
Eastern North Carolina	1,531	1,606	5,442	1,358	337	376	666	284	142	292	**	**	12,034
Western North Carolina	1,275	1,381	2,496	830	344	368	589	250	129	515	**	**	8,177
North Carolina and Virginia	5,231	*11,410	7,434	4,576	1,298	1,495	2,571	716	475	897	**	**	36,103
Totals	$ 15,194	$**21,783	$ 23,299	$ 13,250	$ †3,589	$ 3,971	$ 6,920	$ 2,108	$ 1,348	$ 3,084	$ 1,240	$ 377	$ 96,163

CONFERENCE	Raised for Relief and Reconstruction	Raised for Christmas Fund	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Virginia Valley Central	$ 232	$ 83	$ 135	$ 1,027	$ 878	$ 9,926	$ 11,897	$ 8,202	$ 4,869	$ 24,968	$ 34,894	$ 179,500	$ 6,158
Eastern Virginia	411	226	4,840	8,476	14,251	60,482	74,644	89,570	117,618	281,832	342,314	2,342,600	48,460
Eastern North Carolina	246	175	350	1,678	3,260	17,743	32,490	24,496	65,774	122,760	140,503	706,000	20,000
Western North Carolina	88	53	163	949	3,225	12,655	26,348	8,026	40,186	74,560	87,215	351,000	23,250
North Carolina and Virginia	530	327	265	6,185	15,695	59,105	70,843	68,542	191,728	331,113	390,218	1,702,500	110,391
Totals	$ 1,507	$ 864	$ 5,753	$‡18,315	$ 37,309	$159,911	$216,222	$198,836	$420,175	$835,233	$995,144	$5,281,600	$138,259

**Conference supports Council of Churches through Conference Fund; also Conference Home Missions.

*Includes Greensboro, First, and Reidsville projects.

†In addition to total contributed by churches on apportionment, Board of Christian Education received $1,728 from Sunday School Conventions during Calendar Year.

‡Figures taken from Treasurers' Reports of Women's Conferences.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 12—SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCE	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Virginia Valley Central	2,521	67	92	33	80	2,533	218	1,470	374	499
Eastern Virginia	11,311	292	580	96	801	11,090	705	7,554	1,204	2,215
Eastern North Carolina	6,579	227	485	40	380	6,684	410	3,896	821	1,333
Western North Carolina	4,128	161	225	28	153	4,200	309	3,689	914	830
North Carolina and Virginia	10,191	265	569	77	567	10,193	653	6,644	2,060	2,045
Totals	34,730	1,012	1,951	274	1,981	34,700	2,295	23,253	5,373	6,922

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 13—THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Convention	Appt'd by Conference	Paid by Churches
Convention Home Missions	Virginia Valley	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,363
	Eastern Virginia	6,500	6,500	5,794
	Eastern North Carolina	2,000	1,999	1,531
	Western North Carolina	1,500	1,660	1,275
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	6,005	5,231
	Total	$ 17,500	$ 17,664	$ 15,194
Convention Foreign Missions	Virginia Valley	$ 1,500	$ 1,509	$ 1,464
	Eastern Virginia	6,500	6,696	5,922
	Eastern North Carolina	2,000	1,999	1,606
	Western North Carolina	1,500	1,685	1,381
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	5,995	11,410*
	Total	$ 17,500	$ 17,884	$ 21,783*
Christian Orphanage	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 960	$ 1,356
	Eastern Virginia	4,800	4,856	6,571
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,087	5,442
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,160	2,496
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	6,005	7,434
	Total	$ 15,000	$ 15,068	$ 23,299
Elon College	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 981	$ 898
	Eastern Virginia	6,000	6,005	5,588
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,087	1,358
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,170	830
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,800	4,814	4,576
	Total	$ 15,000	$ 15,057	$ 13,250
Christian Education	Virginia Valley	$ 330	$ 330	$ 325
	Eastern Virginia	1,470	1,470	1,285
	Eastern North Carolina	535	536	337
	Western North Carolina	330	470	344
	North Carolina and Virginia	1,335	1,352	1,298
	Total	$ 4,000	$ 4,158	$ 3,589
Superannuation	Virginia Valley	$ 330	$ 330	$ 304
	Eastern Virginia	1,470	1,485	1,428
	Eastern North Carolina	535	536	376
	Western North Carolina	330	460	368
	North Carolina and Virginia	1,335	1,336	1,495
	Total	$ 4,000	$ 4,147	$ 3,971
Convention Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 650	$ 650	$ 611
	Eastern Virginia	2,725	2,734	2,483
	Eastern North Carolina	1,100	1,103	666
	Western North Carolina	800	840	589
	North Carolina and Virginia	2,725	2,724	2,571
	Total	$ 8,000	$ 8,051	$ 6,920
Ministerial Scholarship	Virginia Valley	$ 125	$ 126	$ 109
	Eastern Virginia	500	†500	493
	Eastern North Carolina	225	220	142
	Western North Carolina	150	185	129
	North Carolina and Virginia	500	500	475
	Total	$ 1,500	$ 1,531	$ 1,348
Per Capita Dues for The General Council—Approximately 8 cents per Member	Virginia Valley	$ 191	$ 193	$ 163
	Eastern Virginia	862	724	695
	Eastern North Carolina	430	464	284
	Western North Carolina	293	370	250
	North Carolina and Virginia	765	756	716
	Total	$ 2,541	$ 2,507	$ 2,108
Grand Total		$ 85,041	$ 86,067	$ 91,462

*Includes Greensboro, First, and Reidsville projects.
†Eastern Virginia administers its own Scholarship Fund.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 14—TOTAL CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION APPORTIONMENTS

NAME OF CONFERENCE	Apportioned by Convention	Apportioned by Conference for Convention Enterprises	Raised for Convention Apportionment	Apportioned by Conference for Conference Causes	Paid on Apportionment for Conference Causes	Total Apportionment for Conference and Convention	Total Paid on Conference and Convention Apportionments
Virginia Valley Central	$ 6,546	$ 6,579	$ 6,593	$ 1,013	$ 978	$ 7,592	$ 7,571
Eastern Virginia	30,827	30,970*	30,259*	2,279	2,019	33,249	32,278
Eastern North Carolina	11,025	11,031	11,742	448	292	11,479	12,034
Western North Carolina	7,183	8,000	7,662	740	515	8,740	8,177
North Carolina and Virginia	29,460	29,487	35,206	919	897	30,406	36,103
Totals	$ 85,041	$ 86,067	$ 91,462	$ 5,399	$ 4,701	$ 91,466	$ 96,163

*Eastern Virginia administers its own Ministerial Scholarship Fund, but it is sent through Convention Office.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 15—RECEIPTS FOR MISSIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BENEVOLENCES

SOURCE	Conference Home Missions	Convention Home Missions	Total Home Missions	Foreign Missions Including Shaowu	Other Conference and and Convention Enterprises	Christmas Fund	Collected for Relief and Reconstruction	Miscellaneous Benevolences	Grand Total
Conference Apportionments	$ 1,240‡	$15,194	$16,434	$21,783**	$59,674*	.....	.....	.....	$ 97,891
Woman's Missionary Convention	.....	6,413†	6,413	10,743†	.....	.....	.....	1,159	18,315†
Christian Missionary Associations	5,753	.....	5,753	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,753
Local Churches—Other Gifts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 864	$ 1,507	$37,309	39,680
Totals	$ 6,993	$21,607	$28,600	$32,526	$59,674	$ 864	$ 1,507	$38,468	$ 161,639

*Including Orphanage, $23,299; Elon College, $13,250; Christian Education, $3,589, plus $1,728 from Sunday School Conventions; Superannuation, $3,971; Convention Fund, $6,920; Per Capita Dues, $2,108; Ministerial Scholarship Fund, $1,348; Conference Fund, $3,084; State Council of Churches, $377.

**Includes Special Projects of Greensboro, First, and Reidsville.

†Receipts of Convention Office, Calendar Year 1950. Grand total taken from Woman's Conference reports.

‡Sone Conferences contribute to Home Missions from Conference Fund Receipts.

Convention and Conference Officials

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	The Southern Convention	
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Vice-President	Rev. Jesse H. Dollar	RFD, Suffolk, Va.
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Superintendent	Rev. William T. Scott	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
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Secretary	Rev. Silas E. Madren	Elkton, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. Owen W. Andes	Park View, Harrisonburg, Va.
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Secretary	Mr. G. C. White	Waverly, Va.
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*Allan, James B., Lynchburg, Va.	NCVA	Chaplain, U. S. Army.
Allred, C. Fred, Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Biscoe, Needham's Grove, Pleasant Grove.
Andes, Mark W., Virgilina, Va.	NCVA	Hebron, Lebanon, Liberty, Union (Va.).
Andes, William J., 637 Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.	NCVA	Winston-Salem, Pfafftown.
Apple, J. Frank, 427 Rowland St., Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Henderson, Mt. Carmel.
*Bowden, Daniel J., Elon College,N.C.	NCVA	Dean, Elon College.
Bowers, Thurman F., Route 4, Box 132, Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Happy Home, Smithwood, Calvary Christian (Greensboro).
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Brittle, R. E., Route 1, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (N), Eure.
*Brooks, Arthur C., Asheville Boys School, Asheville, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher and Chaplain.
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Carter, Emery M., Youngsville, N. C.	ENC	Fuller's Chapel, Good Hope, Mt. Hermon, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville.
Clark, Ellis N., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Antioch, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Windsor.
Coulter, Roy D., High View, W. Va.	VVA	Timber Ridge.
*Councill, Herbert G., Jr., Elizabethtown, N. Y.	EVA	Congregational Church.
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Crutchfield, Henry E., Route 1, Hickory, Va.	EVA	Berea (Great Bridge).
Denton, James A., Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Big Oak, Ramseur.
Dollar, Jesse H., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Liberty Spring.
Dollar, Melvin, Franklin, Va.	EVA	Union (Southampton).
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Eutsler, Fred B., The United Church, Raleigh, N. C.	ENC	Raleigh.
Farrell, Eart T., Sunbury, N. C.	EVA	Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Oak Grove.
Fields, Clyde L., Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Ridge, Spoon's Chapel, Union Grove, Student, Duke.
*Fisher, Park W., Box 183, Sanford, N. C.	WNC	Business.
Fogleman, James U., Route 6, Burlington, N. C.	WNC	Providence Chapel; Business.

*Franks, Jesse L.	ENC	Deceased.
*Fuller, Walter B., 225 W. Market St., Harrisonburg, Va.	VVA	Business.
Granger, A. Lanson, Jr., 2308 Roanoke Ave., Newport News, Va.	EVA	Newport News.
*Green, Thomas J., High Falls, N. C.	WNC	Retired.
Griffin, Johnson L., 1411 Fisherman's Rd., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Bay View.
Grissom, Raymond T., Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Hanks Chapel, Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel.
Grissom, William A., 414 N. High St., Franklin, Va.	EVA	Franklin, Johnson's Grove.
Hailey, James R., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Shallow Ford.
*Hall, W. Walter, Carlisle, Mass.	WNC	Congregational Church.
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House, Robert Lee, Bennett St., Southern Pines, N. C.	ENC	Southern Pines, Hope Mills, Editor, *The Christian Sun.*
Humphries, Tucker G., 609 Montgomery St., Reidsville, N. C.	NCVA	Reidsville.
Hurdle, Allen L., Holland, Va.	NCVA	Holy Neck.
Jackson, Richard L., 232 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C.	EVA	Chapel Hill (September 1, 1951).
*Johnson, I. W., 201 Linden Ave., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Retired, Pastor Emeritus, Berea (Nans.), Liberty Spring, Oakland.
Johnson, J. Lee, Fuquay Springs, N. C.	ENC	Bethel.
*Johnson, Samuel M.	NCVA	Deceased.
*Jones, Elwood W., Homewood, Apartments, Baltimore 18, Md.	EVA	Retired.
*Key, Carl R., 1421 Ruffin St., Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Social Work (CROP).
Koon, Clyde C., Belew Creek, N. C.	VVA	Belew Creek, Salem Chapel.
*Lankford, G. Otis, Elon College, N. C.	WNC	Retired.
Leebrick, Bland A., Route 3, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Berea, Carolina.
Lester, Flethcer C., 840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Asheboro.
Lightbourne, James H., Jr., Holland, Va.	EVA	Holland.
Lindner, Kenneth M., 708 Pilot Ave., Fayetteville, N. C.	ENC	Fayetteville.
Lowdermilk, B. H., Randleman, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Union, Randleman.
*Lucus, A. L., Route 3, Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Business.
McCauley, Joseph E., Waverly, Va.	EVA	Centerville, Spring Hill, Waverly; Teacher.
Madren, Silas E., Elkton, Va.	VVA	Bethel, Mt. Olivet (R) Mt. Olivet (G).
Madren, Weldon T., Sophia, N. C.	WNC	Bailey's Grove, Flint Hill (R), Sophia.
*Marr, S. Wade, Security Bank Bldg., Raleigh, N. C.	ENC	Business.
*Moffitt, D. Rufus, Coleridge, N. C.	WNC	Retired.

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*Morgan, William H., Applachian State College, Boone, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher.
*Muller, Robt. C. H., American Board Mission, Marathi Mission, Ahmednagar, W. India	NCVA	Missionary to India.
*Munger, Bernard V., Cornith, Mass.	ENC	Presbyterian Church.
*Murchisen, J. Victor, Friends Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.	EVA	Friends Church.
*Neese, J. L., Trailer Park, Bradenton, Florida	NCVA	Retired.
Neese, J. Everette, 1041 Bay View Blvd., Norfolk 3, Va.	EVA	Second.
*Newman, Charles E., Virgilina, Va.	NCVA	Retired.
*Newman, Nathaniel G., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Retired.
Newton, R. E., Route 3, Luray, Va.	VVA	Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport.
*Olejar, George R.	EVA	Deceased.
O'Neill, Will B., Box 242, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Sanford.
*Pearce, George A., Franklin, Va.	EVA	Business.
*Phillips, Slade W., Dillon, S. C.	EVA	Business.
Pollard, Marvin A., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Hill.
Poythress, Olive D., 1214 Guerriere St., South Norfolk 6. Va.	EVA	South Norfolk.
Presnell, Lacy M., Bennett, N. C.	WNC	Liberty.
Pugh, John Q., Route 1, Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Bennett; Business.
Register, Fred P., Fuquay Springs, N. C.	ENC	Amelia, Plymouth, Wake Chapel.
Register, Kenneth D., Route 2, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Union (N. C.).
Reynolds, Ferris E., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Graham-Providence Memorial; Elon College Faculty.
Roberts, Jesse M., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Union (Surry); Business.
*Robinson, Allyn P., Jr.	ENC	Conference Christian and Jews.
Robinson, Henry E., 401 Church St., Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Burlington, First.
Rohart, Emerson J., Linville, Va.	VVA	Antioch, Beluah, Linville, New Hope.
*Scott, William T., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Superintendent, Southern Convention.
*Sholz, Herbert	ENC	Deceased.
*Sloan, W. W., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Faculty of Elon College.
*Smith, H. Shelton, Duke University, Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Faculty of Duke University.
*Smith, J. Howard, Arnold College, Milford, Conn.	NCVA	Faculty of Arnold College.
*Smith, Leon Edgar, Elon College, N. C.	EVA	President, Elon College.
Smith, William P., Haw River, N. C.	NCVA	Haw River, Student, Duke Universtiy.

Snyder, Walstein W., Route 3, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Bethel, Concord, Mt. Zion.
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Stevens, W. Millard, 301 W. 34th St., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Christian Temple.
Sutton, Thomas D., Seagrove, N. C.	WNC	Ether, Seagrove, Shady Grove.
Tally, George M., Route 3, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Antioch (R), Christian Light, Moore Union, Pleasant Hill.
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*Truitt, John G., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Superintendent, Christian Orphanage.
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Vore, Duane N., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Suffolk.
Wallace, Carl, Franklinton, N. C.	ENC	Antioch, Bethlehem, Beulah, New Hope, Oak Level, Student, Duke University.
Weed, Earl D., 25 Kingwood Pl., Asheville, N. C.	NCVA	Asheville.
*Wehrenberg, E. L., Woodsdale, N. C.	NCVA	Faculty, Indian School.
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*Williamson, Robert L., 2316 Fontaine Ave., Charlottesville, Va.	VVA	Retired.
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Woodruff, Robt. T. Jr., Apt 19D, Brookwood Gardens, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Beverly Hills.
Wright, T. Fred, Route 1, Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Liberty Vance, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Auburn.

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Clawson, Edjar J., Route 5, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Long's Chapel.
Farrell, W. Clay, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Antioch (C), Auburn, Ebenezer, Garner (Hayes Chapel), Shiloh, Wentworth.
Fogleman, Martin L., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Martha's Chapel, Morrisville.
Gallo, John, Route 2, Disputanta, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (Disputanta).
George, Henry M.,	EVA	
Lackey, John Robert, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Apple's Chapel, Student, Duke University.
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*Harrell, Vivian B., 25 Green Blvd., Century Homes, Portsmouth, Va.	EVA	Teacher.
Madren, James W., Fancy Gap Va.	VVA	Elk Spur, Rocky Ford.
*Matthews, A. Warren, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.
Rice, G. Julius, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Hines Chapel, Monticello, Student, Elon College.
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*Scott, William T. Jr., Norwick, N. Y.	NCVA	Assistant Pastor, First Congregational Church.
*Stanley, J. Lester, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Supply work.
*Twiddy, C. Baxter, Jr., 5757 University Ave., Chicago, Ill.	EVA	Student, Chicago Theological Seminary.
*Underwood, I. T., Yanceville, N. C.	NCVA	Business.
*Varga, Paul, Prince George, Va.	EVA	Student.
Members of the Biblical Class		
*Moricle, Mullen C., Reidsville, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.
*Sorrell, W. Staley, 162 3rd Ave., Danville, Va.	NCVA	Student, Averitt College.
*Tolley, William P., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.
*Truitt, John G., Jr., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
*Vestal, Max, Elon College, N. C.	WNC	Student, Elon College.
Member of Another Denomination Preaching in the Convention		
Loman, J. Harold, Rt. 5, Greensboro, N. C.	†	Hopedale.

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†Affiliated with Pilgrim Holiness Church.

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The one hundred third Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Bethel Church, Elkton, Virginia, August 8 and 9, 1951. The Conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the president, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Rev. S. E. Madren conducted the worship service.

The roll of ministers and churches was called and a quorum found present. The complete enrollment for the session included four ministers and forty-eight delegates representing eighteen of the twenty churches of the Conference, as follows:

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, E. J. Rohart, R. A. Whitten.

Churches and Delegates.

Antioch—Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. B. F. Frank.
Bethel—Mrs. D. H. Dofflemyer, Mrs. Richard Bloxom, Mrs. Elsie Alger, Mrs. Roland Rebstock.
Bethlehem—Mrs. Clark Foltz, Miss Ella Pickering.
Beulah—Clarence Michael, Mrs. Joe Tibbins.
Concord—Russell Smith, Mrs. Dorman Shirkey.
Dry Run—By letter.
Joppa—By letter.
Leaksville—Mrs. N. F. Painter, Miss Irma Foltz, Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb, B. F. McDaniel.
Linville—Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. Emma Rhodes, Mrs. Eva Hosaflook.
Mayland—Paul Layman, Thomas Stover.
Mt. Lebanon—Mrs. Bettie Supples, Mrs. Pauline Comer.
Mt. Olivet (G)—Miss Thelma Morris, J. T. Marshall, Mrs. Guy Snow.
Mt. Olivet (R)—Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Orson Smith, Mrs. Theodore Lam.
New Hope—H. E. Liskey, Joe Vanpelt.
Newport—Grover Stoneberger, Mrs. Grover Stoneberger, Russel Alger.
Palmyra—Mrs. Shirley Oliphant.
Timber Ridge—Mrs. Bessie Seldon, Mrs. Delia Johnson, Carl Anderson.
Winchester—O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. A. G. Spaid, Miss Evelyn Allen.
Wissler's Chapel—Mrs. Edna Green, Mrs. Nina Will.
Wood's Chapel—Mrs. Austin Kipps, Mrs. Frances Kagey.

The following were introducted to Conference and granted the privileges of the floor: Mrs. William T. Harrell, Mrs. A. C. Moore, John Graves, Bill Tolley, Timothy Chang, Dr. Ross W. Sanderson, Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. John G. Truitt and Rev. W. J. Andes.

A motion was carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of business subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The president appointed the following special committees:

Place—O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. Austin Kipps.
Resolutions—Mrs. E. J. Rohart, Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. N. F. Painter.
Finance—Roy A. Larrick, E. F. Showalter, B. F. McDaniel.
*Nominating**—Mrs. Emma Rhodes, chairman; O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. Tom Good, O. P. Smith, E. A. Showalter.

Dr. W. T. Scott presented the plan of group insurance for ministers. After a brief discussion, the matter was deferred for furthed consideration.

Dr. Ross W. Sanderson addressed the Conference on the topic: "Why Do Churches Confer?"

Dr. John G. Truitt offered the closing prayer and grace for lunch.

The Conference adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 1:45 by the president.

Worship was conducted by Miss Evelyn Allen.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill led a panel discussion on "The Work of Pilgrim Fellowship." John Graves, Bill Tolley and Timothy Chang, the Youth Caravan, also Betty Showalter and Joe Vanpelt took part in the panel, An offering of $35.31 was received to help defray the expenses of the Caravan.

Timothy Chang led the Conference in group singing.

The Conference recessed for a brief session of the C. M. A. In the absence of the president, Rev. S. E. Madren was elected president *pro tem* and Mrs. Howard T. Hensley, secretary. The roll was called and dues were collected. New members were urged to join.

The C. M. A. adjourned, and the president of Conference called Conference into session.

The Conference was then adjourned in favor of a meeting of the Pastoral Committees of the churches.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the vice-president, Rev. R. E. Newton. Dr. John G. Truitt led a brief worship service.

Dr. Truitt made an address, in which he appealed for support of the Christian Orphanage.

Sermon by Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Benediction by Rev. E. J. Rohart, after which the Conference adjourned until Thursday morning.

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*The last three were elected by Conference.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 9:45 by the president. Dr. Ross W. Sanderson led the worship and spoke on "The Work of the Church."

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Virginia Valley Conference is facing some serious problems. We feel that we should face them as a challenge to our loyalty and devotion to our Christ and His Church. Both minister and laymen should face this challenge together, and go forward to greater achievements for His glory.

The hindrance of our growth numerically, financially and spiritually is because of our unwillingness to accept the way which God has given for the financing of the work of His kingdom on earth. Through evangelism we need to win back to the Church the large number who are lost to the usefulness of the Church.

We therefore recommend:

1. A more zealous evangelistic effort.

2. A more thorough teaching of Stewardship.

3. That the appropriation for salary aid from the Conference fund and the Mission Board be left in the hands of the Home Missions Committee and Executive Committee with power to act.

4. That we endorse the plan suggested by Dr. Ross W. Sanderson to make the Virginia Valley Conference a special project of denominational endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. Rothgeb, *Chairman,*
E. J. ROHART,
C. W. LOUDERBACK,
M. A. MOFFLEMYER,
O. W. ANDES.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. R. E. Newton and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

History, both sacred and secular, reveals that the Church has grown and Christianity thrived under persecution. Let us pray that the present world crisis may have the same results. Even though the doors of China are closed against Christianity, it may prove to be a time when the dross is consumed and the gold refined. Let us not, therefore, let up in our prayers for China nor let down in our support of Missions.

India is fertile soil for the seed of Communism. Africa still pleads for help. Mexico and Europe are still open doors and are sending forth the Macedonian Call.

We therefore recommend:

1. That we pray, feeling a great responsibility, and ask God what we can do about it?

2. Let us not complain of how much we are asked to give, but repent because of the little we have given.

3. That we give ourselves as did the apostles who first gave themselves and support the Mission program of our Church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. NEWTON,
MRS. J. E. BRYANT,
MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was read by H. E. Liskey and was admitted to record as follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention met June 14, 1951 with the Timber Ridge Christian Church.

The opening worship service was led by Rev. R. D. Coulter. Thirteen Sunday schools were represented with delegates who gave reports of the work done by their schools during the past year.

The addresses given by the following were most helpful and inspiring to all. The visiting minister, Rev. John F. Locke, spoke on "Because Somebody Taught a Child." Mrs. E. J. Rohart placed emphasis on "The Model Teacher" and Dr. Wm. T. Scott gave the closing address.

Nineteen of the twenty churches have Sunday schools all of which sent their Convention dues and a written report.

Officers for the year are as follows: Rev. S. E. Madren, president, Elkton; Joe Van Pelt, vice-president, Route 3, Harrisonburg; Mrs. Clark Foltz, secretary, Broadway; Miss Charlotte Rothgeb, assistant secretary, Luray; E. A. Showalter, treasurer; Route 4, Harrisonburg.

The Convention will meet June 12, 1952 with Wood's Chapel Christian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. LISKEY.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read by Mrs. B. F. Frank and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Religious Literature, recommend:

1. That the Bible be studied daily.
2. That care be taken in selecting the best books and magazines for our homes.
3. That *The Christian Sun* have a place in every home of the church.
4. That our Sunday schools make better use of our denominational literature.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. FRANK,
MRS. N. F. PAINTER,
MISS ELLA PICKERING.

A forum on Laymen's Fellowship was led by R. A. Larrick. Those who took part in the discussion were: Clarence A. Phillips, H. E. Liskey, R. O. Rothgeb, O. W. Andes, B. J. McDaniel, E. A. Showalter.

A verbal report of the Valley Woman's Missionary Conference was given by Mr. J. E. Bryant.

R. A. Larrick dismissed the Conference with prayer and gave thanks for lunch. The Conference then adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 1:45 by the president. Rev. R. E. Newton conducted the worship.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, recommend the payment of the following bills: Printing of programs, $9.25; Salary of secretary, $20.00; Salary of treasurer, $10.00;

Expense of president, $30.00; Expense of treasurer, $1.75; Expense of secretary, $5.80.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. LARRICK,
E. F. SHOWALTER,
B. F. MCDANIEL.

The C. M. A. held a brief session. The following report was admitted to record:

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Amount of dues collected for the year 1950-51, $207.50.

All money raised was placed in the Conference Fund for pastoral aid.

Officers elected for another year: H. E. Liskey, president; Mrs. Tom Good, secretary-treasurer.

A motion carried that Rev. Clyde O. Koon be granted a letter of transfer from this Conference to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read by Rev. E. J. Rohart and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

During the past year the stewardship of our money has been emphasized by our churches. This emphasis of the stewardship of our means is an index to the stewardship of our time and our talents. We wish to recommend:

1. That all the encouragement possible be given to the application of better stewardship principles in local churches.
2. That we lay aside any half-hearted manner of laying our gifts upon the altar.
3. That the local church use a literature table as a means of distributing good literature on stewardship.
4. That we make use of visual aid materials in the teaching of stewardship.
5. That we secure some key person in the stewardship field to visit our churches.
6. That we use our hearts and hands to make stewardship work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. ROHART,
E. F. SHOWALTER,
O. A. BAZZLE.

The report of the Treasurer was read by O. W. Andes and was adopted as follows

REPORT OF TREASURER.

CONFERENCE FUND.

Amount brought forward as reported at Conference last year		$1,189.65
1950	RECEIPTS.	
Oct. 9	By check from Rev. S. E. Madren, C. M. A. Fund	140.00
1951		
Mar. 29	Mid-Year Conference offering	24.21
29	Mrs. Galen Salyards, C. M. A. Fund	2.50
June 10	Rev. R. E. Newton, ANNUALS	6.00
	Special Offering of the Executive and Home Missions Committees	85.75
20	Wood's Chapel Church, Mrs. Florence Day, Emergency Fund	5.00
27	Winchester S. S., O. A. Bazzle, treas., Emergency Fund	5.00
	Timber Ridge, A. A. Fletcher, treas., Emergency Fund	25.00
July 22	Miss Olive Showalter, C. M. A. Fund	2.50
Aug. 3	Loy H. Hook, C. M. A. Fund	10.00
	Roy A. Larrick, C. M. A. Fund	5.00
8	Antioch S. S., C. M. A. Fund	5.00
	Antioch Church, C. M. A. Fund	5.00

Antioch Adult Bible Class, C. M. A. Fund		5.00
Bethlehem Church, ANNUALS		1.25
Rev. R. E. Newton, ANNUALS		5.00
Wood's Chapel, ANNUALS		1.25
Wissler's Chapel, ANNUALS		.75
Conference Offering for C. M. A. Fund		180.00
Special Offering for Convention Youth Caravan		35.31
Winchester Church, ANNUALS		5.00
Rev. E. J. Rohart, ANNUALS		3.25
Clarence Phillips, ANNUALS		.50
Amount from Churches for Conference Fund:		
Antioch	$ 71.00	
Bethel	45.00	
Bethlehem	60.00	
Beulah	6.00	
Concord	27.00	
Dry Run	5.64	
Joppa	9.00	
Leaksville	105.00	
Linville	105.00	
Mayland	65.00	
Mt. Lebanon	17.00	
Mt. Olivet (G)	69.00	
Mt. Olivet (R)	60.00	
New Hope	35.00	
Newport	69.00	
Palmyra	18.00	
Timber Ridge	69.00	
Winchester	110.00	
Wissler's Chapel	18.00	
Wood's Chapel	20.00	
		983.64
Total Receipts		$2,740.56

1950	DISBURSEMENTS.		
Aug. 15	Rev. S. E. Madren—secretarial service	$ 20.00	
17	Rev. R. A. Whitten—president's expenses	30.00	
Sept. 1	O. W. Andes—treasurer's services and postage	11.68	
21	Rev. R. E. Newton—printing Conference registration cards	4.50	
Nov. 24	Rev. S. E. Madren—expenses for attending the Virginia Council of Churches, and secretarial expenses	9.62	
1951			
Mar. 29	Rev. F. B. Oglesby—expenses, Mid-Year Conference	10.00	
	Pifer Printing Co.—printing Mid-Year Conference programs	7.00	
July 11	Accumulated Interest transferred to Church Extension Fund	16.11	
Aug. 9	Pattie Lee Coghill—Convention Youth Caravan	35.31	
	Board of Publications—ANNUALS	129.41	
10	Rev. R. A. Whitten—president's expenses	39.25	
	Pastors Salaries:		
	Rev. E. J. Rohart	$ 420.00	
	Rev. Roy D. Coulter	600.00	
	Rev. S. E. Madren	270.00	
			1,290.00
	Total Disbursements		1,602.88
	Balance in Treasury		$1,137.68

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

1950		
Amount previously reported		$ 496.30
Aug. 10	O. P. Smith	25.00
Sept. 15	Winchester Church	25.00
29	H. M. Nelson	25.00
Oct. 9	Rev. R. E. Newton	15.00
18	R. O. Rothgeb	25.00
Dec. 30	Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift, Interest	2.69
1951		
Mar. 29	Rev. F. B. Oglesby	10.00
Apr. 25	Winchester Church	56.20
June 30	Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift, Interest	4.01
Aug. 9	Rev. R. E. Newton	10.00
Total on Hand		$ 694.20

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. ANDES, *Treasurer.*

A motion passed that the money in the building funds be placed on savings account.

The secretary read the minutes of all previous sessions. They were approved.

A motion passed that the secretary complete the minutes according to fact and that they be published in THE ANNUAL.

A motion passed that the Conference purchase 125 ANNUALS for distribution. (These to be sold at 25 cents each.)

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:
Be it resolved—

1. That we express by a rising vote our thanks to the pastor, Rev. S. E. Madren, and to the members and friends of Bethel Church for their gracious hospitality in their homes and for the delicious meals served.

2. That we extend our sincere appreciation to the speakers: Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of The Southern Convention; Dr. Ross W. Sanderson, Director of Field Research, Board of Home Missions; and Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, for their inspiring messages.

3. That we express to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and the Youth Caravan: John Graves, Bill Tolley and Timothy Chang, our appreciation for their helpful contributions to the program.

4. That we rededicate our lives anew to go forth in the Master's name to do that which is good in the sight of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. J. ROHART,
MRS. B. F. FRANK.
MRS. N. F. PAINTER.

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

A motion was made to change the By-Laws to read: "That the Annual Conference meet on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October."

The motion was discussed. The reason for the change is to bring the Valley Conference date near the time of meeting for the other conferences

in the Convention and thus profit by the advantage in securing outside speakers from the National office. The recorded vote showed 23 to 2 in favor of the change of date.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was read by E. A. Showalter as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your Committee on Apportionments, recommend that the Apportionment Goal Table for 1950-1951 be used by the churches in making their contributions for apportionments in 1951-1952.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SHOWALTER,
R. A. LARRICK,
C. A. PHILLIPS,
B. F. MCDANIEL,
M. A. DOFFLEMYER.

Rev. R. A. Whitten asked that the $600 apportionment from the Winchester Church for Shaowu be withdrawn and that the Foreign Mission apportionment be the same as for Home Missions ($160).

The report was adopted.

APPORTIONMENT GOAL TABLE—1951-1952.

To be used by the Churches in making their contributions for others in *"Our Christian World Mission"*

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Totals
Antioch	$ 172	$ 100	$ 85	$ 85	$ 29	$ 29	$ 78	$ 8	$ 5	$ 12	$ 81	$ 684
Bethel	114	75	67	82	24	24	61	15	9	13	71	555
Bethlehem	100	76	67	92	24	24	61	7	5	10	70	536
Beulah	13	13	6	6	2	3	5	2	1	1	8	60
Concord	40	30	21	21	7	7	19	5	3	4	34	191
Dry Run	44	30	28	42	11	11	24	7	4	4	45	250
Joppa	16	16	9	9	3	3	9	3	1	2	13	84
Leaksville	130	80	79	109	28	28	69	15	10	14	130	692
Linville	140	110	70	90	28	28	73	15	10	14	119	697
Mayland	42	26	42	26	9	10	24	7	5	4	71	266
Mount Lebanon	47	37	23	23	9	10	24	9	7	6	33	228
Mount Olivet (G)	54	50	33	33	11	11	30	10	7	5	86	330
Mount Olivet (R)	40	30	24	24	9	9	23	10	8	5	79	261
New Hope	51	45	33	33	12	12	28	5	3	4	42	268
Newport	122	35	155	88	27	27	73	14	9	12	94	650
Palmyra	19	19	12	12	4	4	12	8	5	3	29	127
Timber Ridge	111	91	66	66	22	22	59	19	12	12	99	579
Winchester	160	167	100	100	61	58	169	23	15	17	160	1,030
Wissler's Chapel	43	19	21	21	5	5	19	4	3	4	27	171
Wood's Chapel	42	20	19	19	5	5	15	7	4	4	34	174
Totals	$1,500	$1,069	$ 960	$ 981	$ 330	$ 330	$ 875	$ 193	$ 126	$ 150	$1,325	$7,839

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committee on Nominations, submit the following to serve as officers for the year 1951-1952:

President—K. B. Dofflemyer.
Vice-President—Rev. R. E. Newton.
Secretary—Clarence A. Phillips.
Assistant Secretary—Rev. E. J. Rohart.
Treasurer—O. W. Andes.
Delegates to the Virginia Council of Churches—Revs. S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HAROLD RHODES,
MRS. TOM GOOD,
O. A. BAZZLE,
O. P. SMITH,
E. A. SHOWALTER.

It was moved and carried that the report be adopted. The president cast the ballot and the officers named were declared elected.

A motion carried that retiring President R. A. Whitten and Secretary S. E. Madren be given a rising vote of thanks for their faithful services to the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Place was as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

Leaksville extended an invitation for the next Annual Conference. We therefore recommend that the invitation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

O. A. BAZZLE,
MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS.

On motion, Leaksville was accepted as the place for the Annual Conference, October 15-16, 1952.

A motion carried that the Conference adopt the plan of insurance for its ministers. (The plan of payment to be worked out by the Executive Committee.) The vote was 33 to 0 favoring the plan.

A motion carried that the Committee on the Ministry be authorized to examine James W. Madren, and if he be found proficient, to proceed with his ordination.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet in Annual Session at Leaksville, Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October.

Rev. S. E. Madren led the closing prayer.

R. A. WHITTEN, *President.*
S. E. MADREN, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES—1951-1952.

Executive—K. B. Dofflemyer, Clarence A. Phillips, Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. R. A. Whitten, Roy A. Larrick.

Ministry—R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, E. J. Rohart, Ralph M. Galt.

Foreign Missions—R. E. Newton, Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Miss Verdie Showalter.

Home Missions—R. O. Rothgeb, C. W. Louderback, M. A. Dofflemyer, E. A. Showalter, C. A. Phillips, J. M. Lohr, Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Russell Smith, Leyburn Brill, O. W. Andes, S. E. Madren, E. J. Rohart, K. T. Rothgeb.

Stewardship—E. J. Rohart, E. F. Showalter, O. A. Bazzle.

Evangelism—S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, Ralph M. Galt.

Religious Literature—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. N. F. Painter, Miss Ella Pickering.

Apportionments—E. A. Showalter, Roy A. Larrick, B. F. McDaniel, Mrs. Tom Good, M. A. Dofflemyer.

Laymen's Fellowship—Roy A. Larrick, K. B. Defflemyer, H. E. Liskey.

Social Action—K. T. Rothgeb, N. W. Morris, Mrs. Austin Kipps.

Moral Reform—Ralph M. Galt, Mrs. Galen Salyards, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. O. J. Sours.

Sunday Schools—S. E. Madren.

Conference Missions Secretary—R. O. Rothgeb.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Coulter, Roy D.—No report.

Fuller, Walter B.—Business.

Koon, Clyde O.—Transferred to N. C. and Va. Conference.

Madren, Silas E.—Churches: Bethel, Mt. Olivet (R), Mt. Olivet (G). Sermons, 104; conversions, 16; members received, 19; baptisms, 13; prayer meetings, 15; addresses, 8; weddings performed, 16; funerals, 18; salary, $2,257.00.

Newton, R. E.—Churches: Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport. Sermons, 114; conversions, 13; members received, 13; baptisms, 11; prayer meetings, 16; addresses, 4; weddings performed, 16; funerals, 18; salary, $2,910.10.

Rohart, Emerson J.—Churches: Antioch, Beulah, Linville, New Hope. Sermons, 125; conversions, 11; members received, 12; baptisms, 5; prayer meetings, 15; addresses, 4; weddings performed, 3; funerals, 13; salary, $2,415.00.

Whitten, Robert A.—Church: Winchester. Sermons, 97; conversions, 16; members received, 22; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings, 40; addresses, 15; weddings performed, 321; funerals, 18; salary, 2,700.00.

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Madren, James W.—Churches: Elk Spur, Rocky Ford (N. C. & Va. Conference), Carroll County, Va.

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BETHLEHEM CHURCH, TENTH LEGION, VA.
MARCH 29, 1951.

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MORNING SESSION.

The twenty-first Mid-Year Session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference met with Bethlehem Christian Church, March 29, 1951.

The Conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the president, Rev. R. A. Whitten. The worship service was conducted by Rev. Roy D. Coulter.

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—E. J. Rohart, Roy D. Coulter, R. E. Newton, R. A. Whitten, S. E. Madren.

Churches—Antioch, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, Concord, Dry Run, Leaksville, Linville, Mayland, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R), New Hope, Newport, Palmyra, Timber Ridge, Winchester, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel.

The following visitors were introduced to Conference and seated as deliberative members: Dr. William Moseley Brown, Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Veazey, Rev. F. B. Oglesby.

Delegates were given an opportunity to make remarks about the work of their respective churches. Many responded.

An offering of $23.36 was received to help defray the expenses of the Conference.

Dr. F. B. Oglesby addressed the Conference.

Closing prayer by Dr. Oglesby.

Conference adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:45 p. m.

Rev. G. H. Veazey conducted the worship.

Dr. William Moseley Brown addressed the Conference on the topic: "Making Elon College a Force for Christ."

Rev. S. E. Madren and Rev. R. E. Newton made announcements about Powell's Fort Camp.

An offering of $16.30 was received for camp expenses.

The Conference adjourned to meet with the Bethlehem Church for the twenty-second Mid-Year Session, March 27, 1952.

Rev. E. J. Rohart led the closing prayer.

R. A. WHITTEN, *President.*
S. E. MADREN, *Secretary.*

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SANFORD CHRISTIAN CHURCH, SANFORD, N. C.
OCTOBER 23, 24, 1951.

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TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 10 o'clock by President R. T. Grissom. Devotional service led by Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner.

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—J. Frank Apple, *Frederick B. Eutsler, W. Clay Farrell, Raymond T. Grissom, Britton J. Howard, Richard L. Jackson, Robt. Lee House, J. Lee Johnson, Kenneth M. Lindner, *Wade S. Marr, Will B. O'Neill, Fred P. Register, *William R. Steininger, George M. Talley, R. Eugene Tally, Carl E. Wallace, T. Fred Wright.

Churches and Delegates.

Amelia—Howard Godwin, Mrs. Howard Godwin, I. N. Daughtry, Mrs. I. N. Daughtry.
Antioch—Roy Jones.
Auburn—Mrs. Herbert Langston, Mrs. Gladys Allen, Mrs. Andrew Ford.
Bethlehem—Luther Walker, Mrs. Roy Jones.
Bethel—No report.
Beulah—W. C. Barham, Mrs. W. C. Barham, A. W. Watkins, Mrs. A. W. Watkins.
Catawba Springs—No report.
Chapel Hill—S. H. Basnight.
Christian Chapel—A. M. Cotton, Mrs. A. M. Cotton, Boyce B. Dickens.
Christian Light—Mrs. C. D. Hardee, A. Y. Tudor, E. C. Blanchard.
Clayton—No report.
Damascus—Mrs. Walter Crabtree, Mrs. Paul Long, Mrs. Jeronee Crabtree.
Ebenezer—By report.
Fayetteville—Mrs. Kenneth M. Lindner, Mrs. Florence L. Rogers.
Fuller's hapel—Mrs. T. T. Coghill, Mrs. J. F. Coghill, T. T. Beckham, Mrs. J. C. Pully.
Good Hope—Mrs. Omer Mitchell, Mrs. Louisa Davis Moore, Mrs. Jewel Davis.
Hayes Chapel—By report.
Henderson—I. H. Vickery, Mrs. I. H. Vickery, Mrs. J. F. Apple.
Hope Mills—By report.
Lebannon—Mrs. E. L. Pattishall, Mrs. Troy Allen.

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*Ministers who did not report to Conference, nor attend.
NOTE.—Deceased since last Conference: Jesse E. Franks, Herbert Scholz.

Lee's Chapel—Mrs. Paul Thomas, Miss Margie Buchanan, Miss Gladys Capps.
Liberty (Vance)—Mrs. John Grissom, M. L. Grissom, Mrs. Tollie Smith, Mrs. H. F. Mitchell.
Martha's Chapel—By report.
Moore Union—Mrs. Woodrow Carter, Mrs. P. D. Lett, Mrs. Bettie Upchurch.
Morrisville—Mrs. J. F. Hilliard, Miss Lessie Pugh.
Mt. Auburn—J. A. Kimball, Jr., Mrs. J. Allen Kimball.
Mt Carmel—William Munn, Mrs. William Munn, Ruby Pearce.
Mt. Gilead—O. T. Inscoe.
Mt. Hermon—J. E. Branch, Mrs. J. E. Branch.
New Elam—K. B. Riddle, Lola Jones, Garey Jones.
New Hope—By report.
Niagara—By report.
Oak Level—W. H. Hudson, C. R. Hudson.
O'Kelly's Chapel—Tommy Thompson, Mrs. Tommy Thompson, Mrs. B. H. Ellis.
Piney Plain—D. I. Stephenson, Mrs. D. I. Stephenson, Mrs. L. L. Doodall, Mrs. L. L. Brown.
Pleasant Hill—Carl Dixon.
Pleasant Union—No report.
Plymouth—Kenneth Jones, Hallie Hicks, Mrs. J. R. Bradley.
Pope's Chapel—Miss Ethel Holmes.
Raleigh—Mrs. C. A. Wallin, L. L. Vaughan, Miss Susie Allen.
Sanford—A. H. McIver, Mrs. Will B. O'Neill, Mrs. Gearge Brannon.
Shallow Well—J. W. Kelly, E. B. Morgan, L. J. Sloan.
Six Forks—Inactive.
Southern Pines—By report.
Turner's Chapel—Mrs. J. T. Bridges, Mrs. Leonard Lassiter, Mrs. A. R. Cole.
Wake Chapel—Mrs. John Ferrell, Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Ray Powell, L. W. Beckwith, C. W. Russom.
Wentworth—By report.
Youngsville—By report.

The following visitors were introduced and invited to seats as deliberative members: Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, and Mrs. Truitt; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Rev. W. M. Stevens, President of the Southern Convention; Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of The Southern Convention; Dr. Bryant Drake, of Chicago; Rev and Mrs. C. A. Jones, of Fuquay Springs; Rev. Richard L. Jackson, returned missionary to China; Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Lindner, of Fayetteville; Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of The Southern Convention; Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Wood, the new minister at Shallow Well and Turner's Chapel.

The delegates of the new Eutaw Community Church, of Fayetteville, which was organized February 20, 1951, were introduced and officially recognized.

The president appointed the following special committees:

Nominations—Dr. R. L. House, J. Walker Kelly, L. L. Vaughan.
Press—Miss Margaret Alston, Mrs. J. Frank Apple, Rev. R. E. Tally.
Finance—J. Frank Apple, A. H. McIver, A. R. Perry.
Place—Mrs. John Grissom, Mrs. E. Pool, Mrs. I. H. Vickery.
Resolutions—Mrs. K. M. Lindner, Carl E. Wallace, Miss Susie Allen.
Memoirs—Kenneth M. Lindner, Dr. W. T. Scott.

By motion the report of the Committee on Christian Education was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

It is estimated that five million children have been born in the South since 1947. Are we adequately shouldering our share of this staggering responsibility? Are we willing to consider it an opportunity that Christian ambition and devotion can handle in its stride? Do we have a comprehensive vision of a program of Christian education from kindergarten to college, from the cradle roll to the home department.

We, your Committee on Christian Education, would underscore our emerging opportunity in Sunday school work. More trained teachers, better teaching material, additional rooms and equipment are the paramount needs in many of our schools. All the while, be it remembered, we cannot *teach* them until we *reach* them.

Valuable assistance and capable leadership is provided through our Convention office. Our educational director, Miss Coghill, has been particularly helpful in planning summer camps and conferences, youth rallies and training schools, in which representatives of our churches participate. We look forward with confidence and optimism to the extension of these fine services, all so essential to a comprehensive program of Christian Education.

We dare not overlook the importance of Christian Education on the college level. In every church we need to have the ranks strengthened by college graduates. We look to our church college, Elon, to help recruit leaders, both in the pulpit and in the pew. It is our hope that the churches of this Conference will give their quota to the Sustaining Fund in order that Elon may not be forced to curtail any of its fine curriculum.

This is the time to put the accent on Christian Education. It is our central task. Never did we face a greater opportunity. Worship and Christian Education go hand in hand: "The hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

ROBERT LEE HOUSE, *Chairman.*

Dr. L. E. Smith introduced Dr. Bryant Drake, who spoke on "Our College"; also Mr. S. H. Basnight, who presented the "Sustaining Fund."

The report on Education and Standing of the Ministry was presented. After discussion by Dr. W. T. Scott, the report, by motion, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" is not alone the cry of an ancient day, it is the insistant and ever increasing cry of the church today. The demands of the church for a strong ministry are not only multiplied today but they have become increasingly imperative. Professor David A. MacLellan in addressing the students of Yale Divinity School at its reopening this fall declared, "Never have competently trained, completely committed, and spiritually heroic ministers been more urgently needed than today."

This is a matter that our Conference should do something about. It is the conviction of your committee that our pastors should set aside one Sunday in the year when the challenge of the Christian ministry should be laid upon the hearts and

minds of our youth, and their parents, and serious effort be made to seek enlistment to Christian life service.

We present the following recommendations:

That John Littikin, a member of Turner's Chapel Church and of the freshman class of Elon College be admitted to the Biblical class.

That Robert A. McLean, a member of Wake Chapel Church be granted licensure. Mr. McLean has rendered satisfactory service under the care of the Fayetteville Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church and he comes to us with the recommendation of the officials of the Presbytery. He proposes to complete his seminary training at Duke Divinity School.

That the Reverend Elmore Powell, an ordained minister of the Southern Baptist Convention be received into full membership of this Conference when he shall have transferred his church membership to a church within this Conference. Mr. Powell has presented satisfactory recommendations from the officials of the Baptist Association of which he is a member.

That Reverends Richard L. Jackson and William L. Wood be received into full membership pending the receipt of their credentials from the Eastern Virginia Conference.

That Reverends T. Fred Wright and R. Eugene Tally be granted letters of transfer to the Eastern Virginia Conference.

That Reverends W. Clay Farrell and R. Eugene Tally who have received Conference ordination by this Conference be granted full ordination.

On January 8, 1951, the Reverend Kenneth M. Lindner, an ordained minister of the Southern Baptist Convention, appeared before your committee bearing excellent recommendations from the officials of the Baptist Association of which he is a member, and his request for full standing in this Conference was referred to the Executive Committee for favorable action.

Note should be made of the fact that the Western North Carolina Conference received into membership the Reverend James A. Denton pending the receipt of his credentials from this Conference. Mr. Denton now expresses the wish to remain a member of this Conference, and as no credentials were forwarded by this Conference, his standing remains with us unaltered.

WILL B. O'NEILL, *Chairman,*
E. M. CARTER,
T. FRED WRIGHT.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented and, on motion, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee submit the following as our report:

At a meeting January 8, 1951, the Western North Carolina Conference having ordained Mr. M. L. Fogleman with Local Conference ordination and, because of his work in this Conference we voted to recognize his ordination.

Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner, an ordained minister of the Southern Baptist Convention was recommended to our fellowship and we endorsed the recommendation that he be received in good and regular standing as an ordained minister.

On February 20, 1951, the Eutaw Community Church (Congregational Christian) of Fayetteville, N. C., was organized with eight charter members and made formal application to the Executive Committee, for membership into the Eastern North Carolina Conference, on May 7, 1951. This church holds a grant of very valuable property in the city of Fayetteville and is having regular services and Sunday school. The pastor is Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner.

Under date of Memphis, Tenn., of April 6 there came an application of Rev. B. V. Munger for transfer to the East Mississippi Presbytery. We voted to grant the transfer which was mailed to him May 16, 1951.

R. T. GRISSOM,
E. M. CARTER,
FRED P. REGISTER.

The report of the Treasurer was made as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance October 1, 1951		$ 114.25
By Conference Fund at Conference, and to Oct. 15, 1951		363.00
		$ 477.25

DISBURSEMENTS.

October 23, E. M. Carter—secreterial service	$ 50.00	
October 23, E. M. Carter—postage and frieght	9.40	
October 23, N. C. Council of Churches	50.00	
October 23, R. T. Grissom—traveling expense	43.60	
October 23, R. T. Grissom—postage	3.00	
December 12, G. D. Colclough, treasurer—Ordination certificates 1951	5.00	
August 27, G. D. Colclough, treasurer—ANNUALS	142.11	
		$ 303.11
October 15, 1951, Balance on hand		$ 174.14

W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer.*

By motion the report was referred to to the Finance Committee.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. Millard W. Stevens, President of The Southern Convention. His subject was "The Living Church."

The observance of the Holy Communion was conducted by Dr. R. Lee House, assisted by Dr. Will B. O'Neill.

Announcements for lunch were made by the host pastor, and Conference adjourned with benediction and blessing by Dr. L. E. Smith.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the president, and, after singing a hymn, Rev. R. Eugene Tally lead in prayer.

Dr. W. T. Scott presented the "Group Insurance Plan for Ministers." After some discussion, it was moved and carried that the Conference go on record as approving the plan and that the Apportionment Committee be authorized to apportion to each church the amount of 15 cents per member in payment to the Home Life Insurance Co., of New York, through The Southern Convention, as premium for the same.

It was moved and carried that the Conference indorse the plan for ministers' dependents and that it be presented to the attention of the churches.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented the subject of Christian Education in the Eastern North Carolina Conference. Dr. Bryant Drake also spoke on the subject.

Dr. John G. Truitt presented the cause of the Christian Orphanage.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The greatest need of the world today is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul says the gospel is the power of God, unto salvation to everyone that believeth. This gospel has been at work in the world for nineteen centuries. Christ has marched through

the centuries bringing men to God, saving them from their sins, changing the destiny of nations and of all history. Great results have been achieved. The church has been created and peace given to multitudes. It has inspired men to face the dangers of heathen lands in order to carry the message of life to lost souls. It has had a tremendous influence on our social life, yet we are grieved and puzzled when we view the history of the centuries, as the gospel seems to have failed to have achieved the results that might have been accomplished. We realize that it has been successful only as men or the church has permitted.

Man has accepted the Gospel of Christ and has pledged allegiance to Him, but he has failed to go all the way with Him in His program for the salvation of the world.

Christianity can only do its good work as the Church gives it the opportunity. Christ's command is. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Too often man has limited the power of God.

Why has our Church grown so slowly in the area of the Eastern North Carolina Conference? Wherein have we failed? It is high time that we get down upon our knees and pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard, then do all that we can to help Him answer that prayer.

THE ANNUAL of last year shows that thirteen ministers reported a total number of members received as 419. This same ANNUAL shows that 36 Churches reported the number received as 485, and a loss of 380, which leeaves a gain of 105, or about 1.6 per cent increase for that year.

One of our greatest needs is a "revitalized church membership." It has beeen stated by an inter-church authority that in the average church only about 39 per cent of the membership is regular in attendance, in giving and in serving; about 14 per cent are occasional; and 47 per cent never come, serve, or give. What can be done to restore the indifferent members to active life in the church? Should this problem be solved, evangelism would be far more successful.

We wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That our Sunday school officers and teachers put greater emphasis upon evangelism in the Sunday school.
2. That we urge our laymen to form evangelistic or visitation clubs that will seek to reach the unchurched.
3. That our missionary organizations stress evangelism in their meetings and programs.
4. That our pastors wherever it may seem profitable conduct pastors' classes for prospective church members. Around Easter is a good time to conduct such classes.
5. That all members seek to live a witnessing life for Christ and His Church.

J. FRANK APPLE,
GEORGE M. TALLY,
FRED P. REGISTER.

By motion the Report on Foreign Missions was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Christian World Mission has spread before our eyes the great need of sharing God's message. As Christians we are faced as never before with the task of making our Christianity alive. There are times when we would like to think that we are giving our share, but if we would take the time to read the report in our ANNUAL and to list the benefits which have come to us through the influence of Christ and His church, we would realize we are giving little to Foreign Missions. For we know that in every one of the Foreign Mission fields of the American Board the call is for more missionaries, more Bibles and more support for national workers. But how can our hands reach out to these needy places of the earth on the small amount we are giving?

Therefore, we recommend that our Conference continue to accept this as our task of carrying on the work of Christ's Kingdom throughout the world. However, it is not an easy one, but if we could reemember the three major aspects of any task are:

First—Ability—what can we do; second—Responsibility—what we should do, and, third—Willingness—what we will do. It all depends on the last, "Our Willingness." The more generous we are with God, the more generous He will be with us. God expects us to make sacrifices and if we fail Him in this way, we do not have any right to expect that He will continue to favor and prosper us in our homes, churches and business.

As we come to the end of the conference year, we are all grateful for the accomplishments that have been made in the past, and as we look to the new conference year, may we face the future with confidence and determination to do for Him by standing ready to serve the cause of Christ in every area as need arises, so that the entire world may soon be permeated by the blessings of His Gospel.

MARGARET ALSTON, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented. Dr. Scott spoke of the importance of supporting *The Christian Sun* with our subscriptions. By motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

A current issue of a popular magazine carries a carton which show a family viewing a television set. The screen shows a man holding a placard which says: "Read the directions before using our product—that is, if you can still read."

Through the years we have urged our people to read the best in Christian literature and to avoid the trash. Today we face a situation in which we not only urge our people to read church literature, but we must urge them to read! This is especially true of young people who find the comic book, the funny section of the newspaper and the television set their main source of information.

Nearly all of our ministers and churches have good religious books and periodicals that they are willing to share with church people, but merely having them in not enough, they must be read and understood to be of real value. Reading is one of the nobler arts and reading aloud is a vanishing art. Let us therefore, urge families in our churches to make use of those books on the minister's or the Sunday school's shelf and use them at home. Read devotional material aloud for personal or family enjoyment. Both the Women's Convention (through their department of family life) and the Laymen's Fellowship are urging that our Convention families establish a family worship period. This period would be a golden opportunity to use the best in religious literature. Ask you minister what you should read, consult the pages of *The Christian Sun* for book reviews of good literature.

Our children need to see, handle and read the best in books. Friendship Press in New York publishes the mission study books. They are beautifully written and well illustrated and their price is within range of all pocket books. Let us buy these books for our children rather than trashy comics or cheap best sellers.

Sunday schools should review our denominational literature for use in teaching. The Pilgrim Series, while expensive, has much to offer in relating the family to the church. Ask your minister to help you get a sample of this or write to the Convention office.

For 107 years the churches of North Carolina and Virginia have published *The Christian Sun.* It is not the best religious weekly in the nation, but it is the only one we have. It tells us what is happening—if you let *The Sun* know your news—it has messages for an informed lay people, young people, children and news of the college and orphanage and work of the women. Give it your support by subscribing, reading and sending to it the things that are worth while.

We all know that we forget the things that we do not re-read and study. If we do not read our Bibles, our current religious papers and material we shall forget the task before us.

MRS. R. L. HOUSE, *Chairman,*
MRS. FRED REGISTER,
MRS. FRANK APPLE.

The Nominating Committee made its report:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following nominations for your consideration:

President—Rev. Fred P. Register.
Vice-President—Dr. Will B. O'Neill.
Secretary—Rev. E. M. Carter.
Treasurer—Mr. W. J. Ballentine.

R. L. HOUSE,
L. L. VAUGHN,
J. WALKER KELLY,
Committee.

By motion the report was adopted and the nominees were duly elected to the respective offices.

Dr. W. T. Scott spoke of "Our Great Need."

By motion the Conference adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9:45 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. R. Eugene Tally.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30, the Laymen's Fellowship was called to order by the chairman, Mr. I. H. Vickery. After prayer, he gave the sixteen points of interest and spoke briefly to each point. Mr. Earl Daniely was introduced, and he gave a very forceful message.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the president.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner.

The proceedings of the previous day's sessions were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented and, after discussion by Dr. R. Lee House, was by motion adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Fund of the Conference during the past year has worked with our Church in Fayetteville, N. C., and this is a church we should be proud of. There are others in our Conference which should be given our support. We should revive the work at Franklinton, N. C., and we should like to recommend that a fund be established within our Conference to promote work among our churches where needed.

The National Board of Home Missions stresses the work among the migrants. We aid migrant workers in our Conference throught our small contribution to the North Carolina Council of Churches. There is also a limited amount given through the Woman's Board of the Southern Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JACK CAMPBELL,
MISS STELLA STOUT,
MRS. CLIFF SPIVEY.

The Conference recessed to give time for the Conference Missionary Association, after which Conference reconvened.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented and discussed by Rev. W. C. Farrell. By motion, it was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

The most important business being carried on in the world today is that which is done for our Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation of lost souls. When we are fully consecrated to Him, we are ready to use whatever resources we may have as He directs.

Christians, then, should seek to give in a scriptural manner as they are constrained by the love of Christ. Such giving is then not only a duty, but a privilege attended by the blessing of God.

The manner of giving as well as the amount given is, of course, a matter for the conscience of the individual believer. However, the Bible, God's holy Word, sheds light on this form of Christian service as well as all others. Both the Old and New Testaments bear out the thought that such giving should be in proportion to the income of the giver.

The Apostle Paul sums it up well in I Corinthians 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. . . ."

We believe the greatest neeed of our Congregational Christian Churches today is Evangelism. And in order to evangelize there must be a new and grater emphasis on Christian Stewardship: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach exceept they be sent. . . ." Rom. 10:13, 14, 15.

We must put first things first. Our Lord Jesus Christ said in Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." We believe this will apply to the local church as well as to the individual believer.

We therefore recommend: That each pastor enlist the aid of every Christian in his church and (1) Seek, by a prayer, preaching the Gospel, and by personal work to lead the lost to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; and (2) Seek to lead them to a new and deeper consecration, by teaching them to observe all the things our Lord has commanded us, which includes the grace of giving.

A very helpful Stewardship Institute was conducted by Dr. Jessee Dollar, at the United Church in Raleigh on October 9. We recommend that another such institute be held some time during the next year.

W. C. FARRELL,
W. E. COX,
LENIS WICKER,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was presented. It was moved and carried that the report be adopted as presented except that the apportionment for paying the dues for the Group Insurance be placed in the column with the Conference Fund. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We have observed that many of our churches have paid their conference apportionments in full, while some have paid almost the entire amount asked of them. This increase in interest and effort is indeed gratifying and heartening. There never has been a time when funds were needed for the promotion of the gospel as much as they are needed now. Before we can have a peaceful world, we must first have a Christian world. The complete dedication to Christ and His Church of ourselves and the means with which we are blessed is the only way we can be sure of doing our full part in making our world what God wants it to be.

We regret to report that there are still several churches in our Conference that do not try with any degree of seriousness to meet their conference askings in full. Some churches make no contributions whatever to this important part of their church program. We earnestly urge these churches to begin now and send in a part of their apportionments each month for the new year so when the Conference convenes in

1952 they can take pride in the fact that they are entitled to be listed along with those churches that come to Conference with everything paid in full.

We recommend that the Apportionment Table for the year 1950-1951 be accepted unchanged for 1951-1952 with the exception of the item for Ministerial Scholarship Fund. We recommend that all apportionments for this purpose involving a half dollar be increased by fifty cents to simplify bookkeeping and to provide a small additional amount for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. McIVER,
T. FRED WRIGHT,
HAROLD JOHNSON.

SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1951-52.

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions and Shaowu	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund and Pastors' Insurance	The Christian Sun	Totals
Amelia	$ 30	$ 30	$ 22	$ 22	7	$ 7	$ 25	$ 8	$ 4	$ 31	$ 3	$ 189
Antioch	15	15	17	17	7	7	17	8	4	24	2	133
Auburn	56	56	48	48	14	14	40	8	7	36	6	333
Bethel	30	30	22	22	7	7	25	2	3	10	3	161
Bethlehem	13	13	6	6	3	3	16	6	2	15	2	85
Beulah	30	30	18	18	7	7	25	22	2	52	3	214
Catawba Springs	58	58	91	91	15	15	45	10	7	51	9	450
Chapel Hill	40	40	34	34	11	11	33	4	6	23	5	241
Christian Chapel	38	38	31	31	9	9	29	10	7	32	4	238
Christian Light	45	45	45	45	14	14	34	12	6	40	5	305
Clayton	35	35	33	33	11	11	29	10	4	13	4	218
Damascus	35	35	29	29	9	9	29	7	2	18	4	206
Ebenezer	38	38	45	45	11	11	33	10	4	40	5	280
Fayetteville	25	25	25	25	15	19	25	2	3	10	5	175
Fuller's Chapel	38	38	33	33	9	9	33	9	5	30	4	241
Good Hope	25	25	18	18	7	7	20	8	3	20	3	154
Hayes Chapel	25	25	18	18	7	7	20	5	2	16	3	146
Henderson	63	63	94	94	20	20	48	19	9	61	10	501
Hope Mills	33	33	28	28	9	9	20	3	2	12	3	180
Lebanon	20	20	18	18	5	5	18	3	2	14	2	125
Lee's Chapel	20	20	19	19	5	5	18	5	3	16	3	133
Liberty, Vance	177	177	216	216	45	45	111	28	20	101	23	1,159
Martha's Chapel	20	20	12	12	7	7	18	6	2	14	2	120
Moore Union	30	30	12	12	9	9	23	8	4	23	4	164
Morrisville	13	13	21	21	9	9	15	4	5	16	3	129
Mt. Auburn	76	76	91	91	30	30	51	8	8	36	9	506
Mt. Carmel	30	30	21	21	7	7	23	8	3	23	3	176
Mt. Gilead	56	56	34	34	14	14	39	14	6	36	5	308
Mt. Herman	25	25	34	34	7	7	20	6	2	22	3	185
New Elam	88	88	62	62	18	18	56	22	9	58	9	490
New Hope	38	38	30	30	11	11	29	18	5	49	4	263
Niagara	13	13	10	10	4	4	12	2	7	19	2	96
Oak Level	38	38	31	31	11	11	29	8	5	29	4	235
O'Kelly's Chapel	8	8	5	5	1	1	12	2	1	7	2	52
Piney Plain	56	56	52	52	14	14	42	6	6	23	6	327
Pleasant Hill	30	30	39	39	9	9	23	7	4	15	4	209
Pleasant Union	56	56	61	61	14	14	35	12	3	27	6	345
Plymouth	30	30	39	39	9	9	23	11	4	24	4	222
Pope's Chapel	38	38	36	36	9	9	29	8	5	24	4	236
Raleigh	101	101	73	73	23	23	61	25	10	58	10	558
Sanford	63	63	82	82	14	14	44	16	7	47	9	441
Shallow Well	56	56	54	54	14	14	40	14	6	49	7	364
Six Forks	13	13	7	7	4	4	14	10	1	3	2	78
Southern Pines	63	63	63	63	14	14	34	16	8	57	10	405
Turner's Chapel	30	30	42	42	9	9	23	6	....	24	5	220
Wake Chapel	114	114	220	220	20	20	70	18	15	68	18	897
Wentworth	30	30	56	56	14	14	23	8	3	24	5	263
Youngsville	20	20	15	15	9	9	19	4	3	12	4	130
Totals	$2,024	$2,024	$2,112	$2,112	$ 551	$ 551	$1,500	$466	$239	$1,452	$255	$ 13,286

By motion the Report of the Committee on Superannuation was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

We, your Committee on Superannuation know of no one we should recommend for assistance. During this age when much emphasis is placed on social security and retirement plans, and the need of assistance for our ministeers after their active ministry, we urge all the ministers of the Eastern North Carolina Conference that are not members of the Anuity Fund to become members. We ask that the churches help their ministers in the payment of their anuity dues. Each minister receives a credit of $45.00 from the Pilgram Memorial Fund and should not pass this up. At the present time there is in the Annuity Fund for the benefit of retired ministers $15,794-632.24. So, with the help of the churches, all ministers could become members and benefit from this fund. We also urge all the churches to be sure and receive a Christmas offering for aged ministers, as this serves a great need.

I. H. VICKEY,
REX POWELL,
GLENDON JOHNSON,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

We believe that any society is made up of individuals, and to change the whole you must change first the individual parts.

We believe further, that the only adequate basis for a real change is faith in Jesus Christ; resulting in conversion. We believe conversion, when experienced as it is taught by Paul and others, will completely change man's attitude toward God, his neighbor and himself.

We also believe that the church has, on many occasions failed to point to the differences between the Christian and the non-Christian. It has failed to emphasize that you not only accept Jesus Christ as Savior but also as Lord of your life *now.* Hence, you seek to think, to speak and to act as your Lord would have you to. You seek to pattern after His great spirit, in showing compassion on those who are hungry, cold and in pain; on those who are unsaved and on the unlovely; and on those who have any real physical, mental or spiritual need.

The church, if it is to stay alive must go outside its walls, and outside its own membership and community and, to the uttermost part of the earth. It must demonstrate the compassion of our Lord in mighty deeds.

Today, there are great spiritual, mental and physical needs in China, Korea, Europe, and right here in America. We need to instruct our members upon the Christian's obligations to the whole of mankind and to the whole man. We believe there is ample talent and resources awaiting the proper inspiration and instruction. We recommend that our churches teach this practical side of the Gospel.

The best method of teaching is to give opportunity and encouragement in actual participation in this program.

Our Raliegh church and Fuller's Chapel have had enriching experiences in assisting a D. P. family to relocate in their communities during the past two years.

Many churches have participated in sending clothing and food to those in need.

God help us all to accept the opportunity to become the ministering hand of Christ.

FRED P. REGISTER, *Chairman,*
V. C. MCIVER.

By motion Conference adjourned to reconvene at 1:00 o'clock. Benediction and blessing by Rev. J. Frank Apple.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the president. Prayer was offered by Mr. J. Walker Kelley.

The treasurer reported that he had received $150.35 at this session. By motion the report was received for information.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We have checked the report of the Treasurer and find the same to be correct. We recommend the payment of the following accounts

To the Secretary for services	$ 50.00
To the North Carolina Council of Churches	50.00
To the Secretary for expense account	6.76
To President R. T. Grissom for expenses	22.92
	$ 129.68

That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the Board of Publication for minutes printed in THE ANNUAL, when bill is presented.

That the treasurer pay bill for printing the programs, when bill is presented.

J. F. APPLE,
A. H. MCIVER,
A. E. PERRY,
Committee.

On report of the Committee on Place, Mt. Auburn was selected as the place for the next session of Conference.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented. It was discussed by Dr. Will B. O'Neill and Rev. W. C. Farrell. It was then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. That we express our appreciation to the Flower Committee for the beautiful arrangement of flowers.

2. That we express to President Grissom, the Program Committee and all participating, our warm appreciation for the high order of the program arranged, which shall, in God's grace, be of continuing benefit to us, in His services.

3. We recommend the adoption of the following as the official action of the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

"Elon College has made commendable progress and advancemetn in recent years. Its expanding program calls for larger and continued financial support. We recommend that in addition to the regular apportionment for the college, The Convention approve, and through its conferences and churches engage in an effort to raise a minimum average of $1.00 per member annually for a sustaining fund for Elon College; this effort to be a co-operative one to be participated in by the college administration, the Elon College Foundation, The Convention, conferences and church officials. That a committee be constituted by this Convention, the duty of which shall be to work for The Convention in co-operation with the officials named above, to formulate the plans whereby this proposal shall be carried to the entire constituency of The Convention."

We also recommend that the present committee, headed by Dr. Robert Lee House, be continued as the official Sustaining Fund Committee for the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

4. That we express our accord with the praiseworthy purpose of the Christian Missionary Association and, further, that we urge a still wider participation in the matter of its support and extension.

5. That we express formally to the President of the United States our objection to the appointment of General Mark Clark, or any person, as Ambassador to the Vatican, as contrary to the spirit of our American heritage, and that, further, copies of our objection be sent to our representatives in Congress.

6. That we express, by a rising vote of thanks, our appreciation to the minister and people of our Sanford Church for all their courtesies, entertainment and generous hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. K. M. LINDNER,
CARL WALLACE,
SUSIE ALLEN.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee be empowered to fill in the nomination of delegates to The Southern Convention, where churches failed to do so.

Rev. R. L. Jackson and Dr. R. Lee House were elected delegates to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Rev. Fred P. Register and Mr. J. Allen Kimball were nominated as members of the Executive Board of The Southern Convention.

The report on Sunday Schools was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention of the Eastern North Carolina Conference met at Wake Chapel Christian Church in Varina, N. C., June 27, 1951.

The theme of the day was "Sunday School, Past, Present and Future." The three periods were very ably presented by Rev. Stanley Carne, of Portsmouth, Va., Rev. Clyde L. Fields, of Ramseur, N. C., and Miss Ione Cotton, of New York, N. Y., respectively.

Representation is not the most important thing, bue we were deleighted to have 26 schools reporting with the great majority of these represented. This is an improvement over the 18 present a year ago.

The highlight of the convention year was the work and results of a special Planning Committee composed of Revs. R. T. Grissom, Rex G. Powell, Will B. O'Neill and Fred Register. This committee, working closely with Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, planned and carried out our "First Annual Superintendents' Conference" at Wake Chapel on March 1, 1951. Dr. H. S. Hardcastle was the principal speaker. There was a one hour question period on the program which was very popular.

The Planning Committee also set up "Special Institutes" held at Liberty, Vance, April 1, 1951, and Shallow Well, April 22, 1951, to assist workers and teachers.

We would like you people to know that our Educational Secretary, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, attended every session of our Planning Committee and had a part in all our programs, spending scores of hours in setting these meetings up along with driving hundreds of miles. He fine spirit and willingness and sacrifice of her time, talent and energy had a great deal to do with the successful beginning of what we hope and pray will be a successful era in the work of our Sunday schools.

The following officers were re-elected: Fred Register, president; K. G. Weldon, vice-president; Mrs. B. B. Johnson, secretary, and J. F. Branch, treasurer.

The Planning Committee for 1951-52 composes: Rex G. Powell, chairman; Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Dr. Robt. Lee House, and Rev. Fred P. Register.

FRED P. REGISTER.

While the report was pending, it was moved and carried that the report be received for information and published in THE ANNUAL and *The Chris-*

tian Sun; and that such information be included hereafter in the report on Christian Education.

It was moved and carried that the host pastor be included on the Program Committee.

It was moved, seconded and voted: "That the Executive Committee be requested to explore, with power, the possibility of holding, in fellowship with the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, an inspirational conference in the spring, and of limiting the regular fall session of our Conference to one day for the conduct of business.

Moved and carried that the Minutes of the Conference be published in THE ANNUAL and that we purchase one hundred and twenty-five copies.

Moved and carried that the tenure of office of the president be limited to two years.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee explore the matter of Conference boundaries, and that the committee confer with like committees of the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and make recommendations to the Executive Board of The Southern Convention.

By motion, the secretary was instructed to complete the Minutes and to prepare same for publication in THE ANNUAL.

By motion Conference adjourned to meet with the Mt. Auburn Christian Church on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1952, at 10:00 a. m.

R. T. GRISSOM, *President.*
E. M. CARTER, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee—Fred P. Register, E. M. Carter, Will B. O'Neill, J. Allan Kimball, Rex G. Powell.

Education and Standing of the Ministry—Will B. O'Neill, E. M. Carter, R. T. Grissom.

Christian Education—R. L. House, W. L. Wood, Kenneth M. Lindner.

Superannuation—I. H. Vickery, A. Glendon Johnson, W. H. Masters.

Home Missions—Carl Wallace, Mrs. J. A. Campbell, Kenneth M. Lindner.

Foreign Missions—Richard L. Jackson, Miss Margaret Alston, Mrs. C. A. Ballentine.

Apportionments—A. H. McIver, R. T. Grissom, H. W. Johnson.

Stewardship—W. C. Farrell, Cary D. Powell, Jr., T. N. Daughtry.

Evangelism—J. Frank Apple, George M. Tally, Joe W. Stephenson.

Social Action—R. A. McLean, Charles Austin, E. V. (Jack) McIver.

Religious Literature—Mrs. R. L. House, Mrs. J. Frank Apple, Mrs. Samuel Coghill.

Program—Fred P. Register, E. M. Carter, Will B. O'Neill, R. L. House.

Representatives to N. C. Council of Churches—Rev. R. L. Jackson, Dr. R. L. House.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Apple, J. Frank—Churches: Henderson, Mt. Carmel. Sermons, 90; conversions, 6; members received, 14; baptisms, 4; addresses, 2; weddings, 10; funerals, 6; salary, $3,250.

Carter, Emory M.—Churches: Mt. Hermon, Good Hope, Fuller's Chapel, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville. Sermons, 76; conversions, 15; members received, 20; baptisms, 17; weddings, 5; funerals, 16; salary, $1,775.

Denton, James A.—Churches: Ramseur, Big Oak. Sermons, 60; conversions, 5; members received, 4; baptisms, 8; prayer meetings, 50; funerals, several; salary, $900.

Eutsler, Frederick B.—Church: Raleigh. No report.

Franks, Jessie E.—Deceased.

Farrel, W. Clay—Churches: Antioch (C), Auburn, Ebenezer, Hayes Chapel, Shiloh, Wentworth. Sermons, 137; conversions, uncertain; members received, 49; baptisms, 42; prayer meetings, 60; weddings, 6; funerals, 12; salary, $2,540.

Grissom, Raymond T.—Churches: Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel, Hanks Chapel. Sermons, 95; members received, 17; baptisms, 12; prayer meetings, 70; addresses, 5; weddings, 13; funerals, 44; salary, $3,150.

House, Robert Lee—Churches: Southern Pines, Hope Mills. Sermons, 76; conversions, 14; members received, 31; baptisms, 14; addresses, 10; weddings, 6; funerals, 8; salary, $4,350.

Howard, Britton J.—Churches, none. Employed as clerk of Recorder's Court, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Jackson, Richard L.—Church: Chapel Hill. Sermons, 135; conversions, 1; members received, 10; baptisms, 1; weddings, 1; funeral, 1; salary, $250. (Came to Chapel Hill on September 1, 1951.)

Johnson, J. Lee—Churches: Bethel, Catawba Springs, half time. Sermons, 25; conversions, 5; baptisms, 3; prayer meetings, 14.

Lindner, Kenneth M.—Church: Fayetteville. Sermons, 42; members received, 12; prayer meetings, 33; addresses, 10; salary (expense), $100.

Marr, Wade S.—No report.

O'Neill, Will B.—Church: Sanford. Sermons, 53; members received, 17; baptisms, 12; prayer meetings, 30; addresses, 5; weddings, 3; funerals, 5; salary, $3,600.

Register, Fred P.—Churches: Amelia, Plymouth, Wake Chapel. Sermons, 150; conversions, 43; members received, 32; baptisms, 19; prayer meetings, 40; addresses, 6; weddings, 8; funerals, 8; salary, $2,650.

Steininger, William R.—No report.

Scholz, Herbert—Deceased.

Tally, R. Eugene—Churches: Zion, Lebanon, New Elam, Piney Plain, Lee's Chapel, Christian Chapel. Sermons, 159; conversions, many; members received, 33; baptisms, 25; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 23; weddings, 9; funerals, 34; salary, $1,875.

Tally, George M.—Churches: Antioch (R), Moore Union, Christian Light, Pleasant Hill, Mt. Pleasant. Sermons, 184; conversions, 51; members received, 25; baptisms, 22; prayer meetings, 9; funerals, 27; salary, $1,818.

Wallace, Carl E.—Churches: Antioch, Bethlehem, Beulah, Oak Level, New Hope. Sermons, 102; conversions, 17; members received, 43; baptisms, 16; prayer meetings, 80; weddings, 4; funerals 9; salary, $2,500.

Wright, T. Fred—Churches: Liberty, Vance; Mt. Auburn, Mt. Gilead. Sermons, 83; conversions, 10; members received, 15; baptisms, 14; weddings, 7; funerals, 8; salary, $2,700.

Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirty-First Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference

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FRANKLIN CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
FRANKLIN, VIRGINIA.

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 1, 1951.

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its one hundred thirty-first annual session at the Franklin Congregational Christian Church, Franklin, Virginia, on October 31 to November 1, 1951.

The Conference was called to order by the president, Rev. R. E. Brittle, at 10:00 a. m. on Wednesday.

The opening hymn was led by Rev. Duane N. Vore, after which Rev. Allen Hurdle led the prayer for divine guidance.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—H. S. Hardcastle, Roy C. Helfenstein, Melvin Dollar, J. M. Roberts, J. Everette Neese, C. C. Thomas, O. D. Poythress, James H. Lightbourne, Jr., H. E. Crutchfield, Earl T. Farrell, W. A. Grissom, A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Duane N. Vore, W. Millard Stevens, John G. Truitt, I. W. Johnson, N. G. Newman, L. E. Smith, Wm. T. Scott, R. E. Brittle, M. E. Taylor, Jesse H Dollar, J E. McCauley, Ellis N. Clark, John Gallo, R. L. Jackson, Johnson L. Griffin, W. Stanley Carne.

Churches and Delegates.

Antioch—J. T. Godwin, Mrs. W. C. Wilkins.
Barrett's—Mrs. J. Q. Hancock, Mrs. E. R. Garner.
Berea (Nansemond)—Mrs. Herbert Harrell.
Bethlehem (Disputanta)—Mrs. John W. Balint, Miss Esther D. Bresko.
Bethlehem (Nansemond)—Mrs. R. D. Luter, Mrs. Harry Schadel, Mrs. C. W. King, Mrs. A. C. Moore.
Burton's Grove—Mrs. P. N. Gay, Lonwood F. Logan.
Centervile—W. H. Barlow, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Barlow, Jr.
Cypress Chapel—Roy Brinkley, Mrs. Roy Brinkley, Mrs. F. E. Harrell,
Dendron—E. T. Atkinson, Mrs. E. T. Atkinson, Mrs. Garland Spratley.
Eure—Truman Greene, Allen E. Askew.
Franklin—John M. Beale, J. Letcher Eley, Mrs. W. J. M. Holland, G. A. Pearce.
Great Bridge (Berea)—E. E. Waterfield, E. A. Eason, R. K. Speight.
Holland—E. J. Norfleet, E. L. Daughtrey.

Holy Neck—James E. Worrell, Mrs. Robert Warren, Emmett G. Harrell, Allen R. Piland.
Hopewell—
Isle of Wight—
Johnson's Grove—Mrs. Margaret Pully, Miss Dora Williams.
Liberty Spring—Mrs. William T. Harrell, Mrs. Jesse H. Dollar, Mrs. Jas. C. Lynch, Mrs. W. L. Turner.
Mt. Carmel—Otis Joyner, Mrs. Fenton Beale, Mrs. F. H. Johnson.
Mt. Zion—
New Lebanon—John T. Savage, Ollie V. Cockes.
Newport News—G. G. Givens, Mrs. G. G. Givens, Mrs. R. C. Luke, Sr., Mrs. W. B. Williams
Norfolk:
Bay View—Mrs. L. D. Albert, Mrs. L. T. Ward.
Christian Temple—S. Ray Barrett, E. M. Albright, Mrs. E. M. Albright, Mrs. A. B. Jarvis.
First—
Little Creek—Mrs. M. E. Taylor.
Rosemont—H. L. Bondurant.
Second—Mrs. J. A. LaClair, Mrs. Verla Goodwin.
Oak Grove—J. F. Parker.
Oakland—Mills E. Godwin, J. Rollie Gayle, Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle.
Portsmouth:
Elm Avenue—C. E. Wetherbee, B. P. Deans.
First—J. H. Brothers, Mrs. J. H. Brothers, P. A. Brinkley, Mrs. R. F. Edwards.
Shelton Memorial—Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Mrs. W. F. Lawrence, Sr.
Richmond—A. A. Dofflemyer, J. T. Kernodle, W. J. Stephenson.
South Norfolk—E. J. Hall, W. B. Daniel, Mrs. Lloyd Webb.
Spring Hill—Mrs. G. C. White, Mrs. Annie White.
Suffolk—J. L. Byrd, A. F. Richardson, Mrs. L. E. Rawles, Floyd A. Turner.
Sunbury (Damascus)—Mrs. J. Carroll Byrum.
Union (Southampton)—Mrs. J. B. Overby, Mrs. R. E. Carter.
Union (Surry)—
Wakefield—Mrs. G. O. Huber, Mrs. P. M. Brittle.
Waverly—L. B. Carpenter, Mrs. C. B. Harrell.
Windsor—Mrs. Allen Beale, Mrs. Shirley T. Holland, Mrs. J. M. Raby.

Supt. W. T. Scott presented Rev. Eugene Tally, formerly of the Eastern North Carolina Conference and now pastor-elect of the Elm Avenue Church, Portsmouth, and Dr. Will B. O'Neill of Sanford, N. C., formerly of this Conference.

The welcome address was given by Mr. J. Letcher Ely of the Franklin Church. Rev. Melvin Dollar of Union, Southampton, responded on behalf of the Conference.

The president appointed the following special committees:

Nominations—Dr. I. W. Johnson, Rev. Ellis N. Clark, Mrs. Frank H. Lewis.
Resolutions—Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Rev. M. E. Taylor, Mrs. A. C. Moore.

Press—Rev. Duane N. Vore, Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., John T. Kernodle.
Finance—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. Earl T. Ferrell, Otis Joyner.
Place—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the secretary as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee met on December 28, 1950, and approved the request of the Board of Publications of The Southern Convention for a loan of $2,500.00 from the Ministerial Education Fund. The amount to be applied on *The Christian Sun* dificit.

R. E. BRITTLE,
W. S. CARNE,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
J. EVERETTE NEESE,
H. G. COUNCIL, JR.

The report was adopted and made a part of the action of Conference.

The report of the Program Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Your Committee met on October 3 and set up the program for the One Hundred Thitry-First Annual Session of Conference. We present the printed program as the order of procedure for this annual Conference with such changes as the session may deem necessary.

R. E. BRITTLE,
W. S. CARNE
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
J. EVERETTE NEESE.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

For the past two years the Eastern Virginia Conference has failed by a very small amount in reaching the amount asked by The Southern Convention as its apportionment for Superannuation. The first of these years, the total amount asked was reached through the over-subscription of one of the other conferences, but last year the Convention failed by approximately the amount that we fell short. We hope that the figures for this year (which are not available when this is being written) will tell another story. Those who have served us as ministers in the past and their widows deserve greater consideration than we have paid them.

We again recommend to our churches that they take a Christmas Fund offering. This should be a free-will offering over and above the amount asked in their apportionment.

The personnel of the ministers of the Conference has been rapidly changing. We have not ascertained whether the newer and younger ministers who have come into Conference are members of the Annuity Fund. Any one who is not a member should give membership consideration immediately. Our churches should make it their concern to see that the minister serving them is a member.

Superintendent Scott is bringing before the Conference the question of Ministerial Insurance. This should be carefully considered as a part of our program of assistance for the superannuated or retired minister.

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. KERNODLE,
For the Committee.

W. H. Baker.
G. C. White.

Supt. W. T. Scott presented the Ministerial Group Insurance Plan. On motion, it was voted to approve the Group Insurance Plan and to refer

the decision of Conference to the Apportionment Committee for inclusion in the Conference schedule of apportionments.

In as much as the vote was not unanimous, it was, on motion, voted to reconsider the former decision of Conference and refer the Ministerial Insurance Plan to a special committee for further study and a report at this session of Conference. The special committee appointed by the president for this study was as follows: Floyd A. Turner, chairman; E. M. Albright, Mrs. W. B. Williams, J. T. Kernodle and Shirley T. Holland. Advisors: Dr. L. E. Smith and Supt. W. T Scott.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented and, pending its adoption, an address was given by Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds, professor of Bible and Philosophy at Elon College, using as his subject, "Let the Prophets Speak."

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We the members of the Committtee on Ministerial Education submit for your approval the following actions of our Committee during the past Conference year:

1. The Lincensure of Mr. Paul Varga, who has been a member of the Biblical Class at Elon College for four years, and who graduated from the college last May. He was licensed at Suffolk, Virginia, in connection with the meeting of the Ministerial Association on May 21, 1951.

2. The granting of a loan of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) to the Board of Publications with interest at 2½ per cent per annum. This loan was secured by a note of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Convention, acting on the authority of the Executive Board of the Convention.

3. The granting of Work Scholarships of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each to Baxter Twiddy for work done at Moonelon, and to Paul Varga for work done at Hopewell, during the summer of 1951.

We make the following further recommendations:

1. That George Barron of Franklin, Virginia, be admitted as a member of the Biblical Class at Elon College, to prepare himself for the gospel ministry; that he be given a scholarship of one hundred dollars ($100.00) secured by a suitable note to the Ministerial Scholarship Fund; that he be given a proportionate share of the Educational Fund for Ministerial Students from Eastern Virginia at the college, this amount to b credited by the college on his college expense.

2. That Reverends Allen Hurdle, Ernest Brickhouse, R. E. Tally, and T. Fred Wright be received as members of the Eastern Virginia Conference in good Ministerial standing upon presentation of proper credentials from their respective Conferences.

3. That Reverends R. L. Jackson and W. L. Wood be granted a transfer of Ministerial Membership from this Conference to the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

4. That Reverend Paul Varga be given a Scholarship Grant of one hundred dollars ($100.00) to be applied to his expenses at Hartford Seminary.

5. That Reverends John Gallo, D. D. Nash, and M. E. Taylor be given renewals of ther Certificates of Conference Ordination.

6. That John G. Truitt, Jr., be Licensed to preach the gospel, and he be given a Certificate of Licensure, and that the President of the Conference make arrangements for this service of licensure at this session of Conference; that Mr. Truitt be given a proportionate share of the Educational Fund for Ministerial Students from Eastern Virginia at the college, this amount to be credited by the college on his college expense.

7. That Ruben S. Askew, Jr., of the Bay View Church, be admitted as a member of the Biblical Class at Elon College to prepare himself for the gospel ministry; and that he be given a proportionate share of the Educational Fund for Ministerial Students from Eastern Virginia at the college, this amount to be credited by the college on his college expense.

8. That the Conference Ordination of Reverend Henry George be revoked, and that he be asked to surrender his credentials to this Committee.

9. That the name of Reverend Vivian Harrell be dropped from the Conference Roll of Licentiates.

We also submit herewith a Financial Statement of the funds committed to our trust as reported by the courteous and efficient Treasurer of the Conference, Mr. G. C. White.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

1950	*Receipts.*	
Nov. 1—Balance, Conference Report		$5,203.34
Oct. 30—A Lanson Granger, Jr., on Note		100.00
Nov. 6—Transfer C. H. M. Fund, a|c Little Creek Loan		300.00
1951		
Jan. 9—Francis H. Wise, on Note		5.00
Feb. 12—Francis H. Wise, on Note		5.00
May 9—Little Creek, 2 years interest on Loan		38.00
May 11—Francis H. Wise, on Note		5.00
July 6—Francis H. Wise, on Note		5.00
Sept. 10—Francis H. Wise, on Note		5.00
Total Receipts		$5,666.34
1951	*Disbursements.*	
Jan. 2—W. T. Scott, Supt., Loan to Board of Publications for *Christian Sun* Deficit	$2,500.00	
Aug. 21—George D. Colclough, Treasurer, Work Scholarship Grants to Paul Varga and Baxter Twiddy	200.00	
		2,700.00
Balance—Cash on Hand		$2,966.34

Schedule of Notes and Bills Receivable.

1.	Four Notes (Original Amount)	$ 500.00
2.	Three Notes (Original Amount)	380.00
3.	Six Notes (Original Amount)	900.00
4.	Two Notes	205.00
5.	Four Notes	625.00
6.	One Note	35.00
7.	One Note—Balance Due on Loan to Little Creek Church	406.48
8.	One Note—Mission Board a|c Hopewell Church, dated April 12, 1949	700.00
9.	Interest on above Note to April 12, 1951	28.00
10.	One Note—Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc. (Dated January 2, 1951)	2,500.00
	Total Bills and Notes Receivable	$6,279.48
	Cash Balance on Hand	2,966.34
	Grand Total	$9,245.82

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HARDCASTLE,
N. G. NEWMAN,
W. M. STEVENS,
J. E. MCCAULEY,
DUANE N. VORE,
Committee.

Three candidates of the Biblical Class: John G. Truitt, Jr., Ruben Askew, and George Barron, were presented by their respective ministers.

Rev. Allen Hurdle and Rev. Ernest Brickhouse, new ministers coming to the Conference since last session, were presented.

On motion it was adopted that the administrators of the Ministerial Loan Fund serve in that same capacity with reference to the Ministerial Scholarship Fund.

The report on Christian Education was presented and, pending its adoption, Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, spoke emphasizing the importance of the church-related college receiving the financial support of the constituent churches.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Educational program of the church involves a sincere concern on the part of the church to provide training for the individual in every phase of Christian living. This means training for Christian thinking and action. It should develop in the individual a better understanding of the Christian conception of life, a better knowledge of the Bible, an appreciation of good music, learning in the art of worship, a higher conception of Stewardship, a love for our fellow-men, a knowledge of the church, and a greater understanding of everything that goes into the making of a better relationship between ourselves and God and between one another. This should express itself in better churchmanship and Christian living.

Our Sunday schools are the vital organs of this program and deserve the very best thought and leadership which we posess. The purpose of our Sunday schools is to teach and train; when we make it anything less they become a liability and not an asset. Therefore, we should take advantage of every available resource to make Sunday schools more effective. We should seek to install in the hearts and minds of our teachers and leaders the high worthiness of their task and inspire them to give freely of their time and energy to do the best job possible.

Our churches also have a vital stake in higher education as expressed in Elon College. The college has always required our support and always will as long as it exists as the project of our churches. We must give the college increased support now, because of inflation and decreased enrollment. We urge our churches to support the Sustaining Fund and the apportionment for Elon a hundred fold and more.

W. MILLARD STEVENS.

Rev. W. Stanley Carne, vice-president, presented the Rev. R. E. Brittle, who delivered the President's Address, using as his theme, "Fields White Unto Harvest."

The morning session adjourned after prayer by Rev. Jesse Roberts.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session convened at 2 o'clock.

The opening hymn was led by Rev. W. A. Grissom. Prayer by Rev. John Gallo.

The secretary presented a legal matter in connection with the disposition of the Dendron parsonage property. On motion it was voted that Floyd A. Turner, Suffolk, Virginia, be elected as a trustee of the Eastern Virginia Conference to serve with John P. Lee and Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr.

On motion it was voted that the Conference reaffirm its vote of last session on the disposition of the Dendron parsonage property and that the funds from its sale be turned over to the Home Mission Committee of the Conference to be divided proportionately among the three churches holding equity therein.

The report on *The Christian Sun* was given by Rev. Duane N. Vore, chairman of the Board of Publications. Supt. Scott also spoke to the report.

The report of the Christian Missionary Association was presented and, pending its adoption, the Rev. Johnson L. Griffin spoke about the financial campaign in the C. M. A. to raise an additional sum of five thousand dollars.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Christian Missionary Associating of Eastern Virginia Conference met Tuesday, December 5, 1950, at the Berea Congregational Christian Church, Great Bridge, Virginia.

The session was called to order by the president, Rev. W. Stanley Carne, and Rev. Johnson L. Griffin was elected secretary, this office being left vacant by the death of Dr. Luther B. Grice. The Rev. Duane N. Vore, minister of the Suffolk Church, led the opening worship service.

The financial secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, enrolled the members and collected the memberships which amounted to $2,685.00. Reports were given by the churches aided by the Association. Rev. M. E. Taylor reported for Little Creek, Rev. Melvin Dollar spoke of the progress made at Union, Southampton, and Mr. B. C. Haskett told of the year's progress at Bay View.

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar pointed out that Dr. I. W. Johnson has been a member of the C. M. A. for 51 years and that Mr. C. D. West has been a member for 49 years.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, minister of The Christian Temple, explained the gift of $2,500.00 made by the people of the Temple to be used by the C. M. A. to further the work of two of our building projects, namely, Second Church, Norfolk and Bay View. The gift is to be equally divided.

The report on Finance showed a balance on hand of $8,720.21.

The Rev. W. Millard Stevens, President of the Southern Convention, gave an inspiring message on the topic "Our Home Missionary Opportunity in Eastern Virginia.

Liberty Spring was selected as the place of our 1951 meeting. The following officers were elected for the 1950-51 session: Rev. Stanley Carne, president; Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, vice-president; Rev. Johnson L. Griffin, recording secretary; Rev. R. E. Brittle, financial secretary; Mrs. E. L. Rawles, treasurer.

The material presented by the Resolutions Committee included that we commend the pastor and people of The Christian Temple for their generous gift of $2,500.00 and heartily recommend that practice to the stronger churches of the Conference that our weaker churches may more easily become selfsustaining. Also, that we request the officers of the C. M. A. to secure names of those in our churches who are able to make special gifts to the C. M. A. and that it be our firm desire to raise $5,000.00 additional, so as to help our needy churches in their forward work.

The Christian Missionary Association has yet many opportunities to help in building the Kingdom of God in the hearts of men. Let's join our forces together and face the task before us.

W. STANLEY CARNE, *President*,
JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN, *Sect'y*.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and, pending its adoption, the Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., and the Rev. Melvin Dollar spoke to the report. The report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

In the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John we have the recorded prayer of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for his disciples and all his succeeding followers, even unto this day. In the 18th verse we read, "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." We, like his first disciples, are sent to *save*.

We, your Committee, would recommend:

1. That we continue to preach Eveagelism from the pulpit.
2. That we recommend to our churches Visitation Evangelism as has been successfully used by a number of our churches and that we use that method of Evangelism in our Sunday schools.
3. That we recommend as a method of Evangelism the Pastor's Class for young people, and a course of preparation for adults.
4. That we strive to assimulate the new members by sponsoring groups.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. POYTHRESS, *Chairman,*
A. LANSON GRANGER, JR.
MELVIN DOLLAR.

The report of the special committee to study the Ministerial Insurance Plan was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR MINISTERIAL INSURANCE PLAN.

Your Committee recommends that the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches approve the Group Insurance Plan for Ministers as suggested by the Executive Board of The Southern Convention, and that each church be requested to assume its prorata share of the costs of approximately $49.44 for its minister and that churches desiring to participate pay their premium not later than January 1, 1952.

In case where a minister serves more than one church the cost is to be divided equitably among those churches; and that the funds be collected and dispersed through The Southern Convention Office at Elon College.

FLOYD A. TURNER, *Chairman,*
E. M. ALBRIGHT,
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,
J. T. KERNODLE,
SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND,
Advisors:
DR. L. E. SMITH,
SUPT. WM. T. SCOTT.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Your Committee recommends that the apportionment table accepted last year remain unchanged for the ensuing year.

We recommend that all churches begin early to make regular payments either monthly or quarterly throughout the year until the full apportionment has been paid. We observe that those churches that make an early start in making these payments are usually the ones that come to Conference with a good report.

We commend several of our churches that have over-paid their apportionments for some institutions which help make up for those churches that are negligent in meeting their obligations for the same institutions.

We recommend and strongly urge that our ministers pledge themselves to preach Christian Stewardship more in their churches that the needs of the Kingdom of God may be met.

Our expanding church program with increased cost for carrying on the work of the Kingdom calls for the raising of our apportionment in full as recommended. Let's raise it.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HOLLAND,
FLOYD A. TURNER,
J. P. DALTON,
ELLIS N. CLARK,
J. LETCHER ELEY.

SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS—1951-1952.

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions and Church Extension	Foreign Missions and Shaowu	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	The Christian Sun	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Home Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Totals
Antioch	$ 60	$ 57	$ 12	$ 85	$ 22	$ 13	$ 10	$ 46	$ 10	$ 5	$ 5	$ 10	$ 5	$ 340
Barrett's	15	14	6	20	11	7	5	7	5	5	5	5	2	107
Berea, Nansemond	100	99	93	60	44	33	10	62	10	15	15	25	4	570
Bethlehem, Disputanta	30	28	12	10	11	7	10	15	10	5	5	5	4	152
Bethlehem, Nansemond	145	142	139	125	66	80	35	77	35	15	15	50	15	939
Burton's Grove	15	14	10	10	11	7	2	15	2	5	5	5	1	102
Centerville	15	14	6	15	10	5	4	7	4	5	5	5	2	97
Cypress Chapel	145	156	151	115	44	47	22	68	22	15	15	50	11	861
Dendron	20	20	60	15	10	7	2	7	2	3	3	2	1	152
Eure	50	50	50	50	10	10	15	42	15	10	10	10	10	332
Franklin	285	311	141	245	45	80	22	154	22	15	15	75	12	1,422
Great Bridge (Berea)	130	156	60	40	55	33	15	77	15	15	15	35	5	651
Holland	300	250	275	250	58	70	28	184	28	10	10	75	12	1,550
Holy Neck	110	100	140	140	45	45	20	112	20	10	10	25	9	786
Hopewell	30	24	6	10	11	7	8	7	10	5	5	4	6	133
Isle of Wight	35	42	30	75	11	7	5	30	5	10	10	10	2	272
Johnson's Grove	20	20	10	10	11	7	5	7	5	5	5	3	2	110
Liberty Spring	115	113	121	145	35	40	22	79	22	15	15	40	12	774
Mt. Carmel	145	142	82	105	44	27	15	77	15	15	15	35	7	724
Mt. Zion	15	14	6	15	11	7	4	7	4	5	5	5	2	100
New Lebanon	45	42	12	30	11	13	5	22	5	10	10	10	2	217
Newport News	435	600	250	400	120	150	30	240	30	25	25	100	15	2,420
Norfolk: Bay View	45	42	24	40	11	7	5	30	5	10	10	5	4	238
Christian Temple	940	940	300	850	132	157	80	550	80	35	35	100	31	4,230
First	100	100	140	140	40	40	20	99	20	10	10	35	9	763
Little Creek	20	20	30	5	5	3	5	7	5	2	2	2	1	107
Rosemont	500	600	800	480	90	81	30	245	30	25	25	80	14	3,000
Second	115	113	114	155	22	40	14	84	14	10	10	30	3	724
Oak Grove	60	57	24	60	11	7	7	37	7	5	5	10	3	293
Oakland	130	128	91	125	33	27	25	72	25	15	10	35	10	726
Portsmouth: Elm Ave.	145	136	36	50	22	27	12	46	12	5	5	30	3	529
First	200	199	150	185	44	47	10	107	10	10	10	35	6	1,013
Shelton Memorial	45	43	24	15	22	13	5	31	5	10	10	5	3	231
Richmond	145	142	121	185	22	27	10	77	10	15	15	35	5	809
South Norfolk	240	241	161	230	44	33	40	130	42	15	15	60	20	1,271
Spring Hill	45	45	24	30	11	7	5	30	5	5	5	10	2	224
Suffolk	960	960	781	960	166	201	90	583	100	40	40	300	43	5,224
Sunbury, Damascus	75	57	63	75	11	13	12	46	12	10	10	15	5	404
Union, Southampton	85	85	72	75	11	13	10	37	10	20	20	15	5	458
Union, Surry	25	20	12	20	11	7	3	7	3	5	5	5	2	125
Wakefield	65	62	24	60	22	7	9	30	9	5	5	10	4	312
Waverly	170	170	72	185	22	13	15	123	15	10	15	25	5	840
Windsor	130	128	121	110	22	13	9	61	9	15	15	30	4	667
Totals	$6,500	$6,696	$4,856	$6,005	$1,470	$1,485	$710	$3,774	$724	$500	$500	$1,456	$323	$ 34,999

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and, pending its adoption, the Rev. Richard L. Jackson, former missionary from The Southern Convention to Shaowu, China, addressed the Conference on the subject, "A World Wide Fellowship."

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Christian Gospel is a missionary gospel. It represents the most daring enterprise ever let loose in the world. It teaches that God is the Father of all men, and in Christ all are brothers. Wherever the Gospel has gone, it has been rightly received as good news.

The missionary enterprise has proved its worth in the fruits that it has born. It has built colleges, schools, hospitals, churches and good will. The missionaries have provided leadership and carrried with them a high standard of health, cleanliness, and medical care, and a Christ-like Spirit that echoed, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

The life of the world is dependent upon the church, and the life of the church is dependent upon its missions. Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette speaking on this subject said, "When the question is asked, will Christian Foreign Missions continue, it at once becomes a part of another question: will Christianity continue. If Christianity remains it will inevitably seek to propagate its gospel in other lands. If it ceases to be missionary, it will be because of a fatal loss of conviction in the supporting churches. . . . Given a fundamental lack of enthusiastic conviction, however, and death is certain. In the last analysis, no missionary enterprise, no church. If our faith is false, the race will ultimately ignore it, if we are convinced of its truth, we will certainly propogate it."

The church finds herself today in the midst of a divided world, sick, and in need of the Great Physician. Men are hungry, even unto starvation; men are in bondage, even unto slavery; men are selfish, even unto war. We, as members of the Body of Christ, are called upon to give ourselves, time, talent, and resources to the making of better conditions in the world. Wishing is not enough, placid thoughts are not enough, but drive and sacrifice and a will to work is required of us all. May the mind that was in Christ be in us. May the spirit of Christ anoint us . . . "to preach the gospel to the poor . . . to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives. and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." The challenge is ours through our missionary work! Go ye. . . .!

EARL T. FARRELL, *Chairman,*
MRS. J. F. MORGAN,
D. D. NASH,
JOHN GALLO,
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON.

The report of the Treasurer was presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

	Church	Bank Account	Conf. Fund	Conf. H. M.	Min. Ed. Fund	Va. Cl. Chs.	Min. S. Fund
1950							
10/26	Bal. Brought Fwd. .	$ 8,768.50	$ 742.11	$1,034.25	$5,203.34	$ 176.95	$1,611.85
10/30	A. L. Granger, Jr. .	100.00			100.00		
11/ 3	Conf. Col. '49-50 ..	109.00	35.00	54.00		20.00	
11/ 7	C. Temple	166.00	35.00	100.00		31.00	
11/ 8	So. C. Col.	690.00	50.00	300.00		52.00	288.00
11/ 8	a|c L. Creek Tr. C. Home Missions ...				300.00		
11/ 8	Tr. C. Fd. to VCC					45.05	

	Church	Bank Account	Conf. Fund	Conf. H. M.	Min. Ed. Fund	Va. Cl. Chs.	Min. S. Fund
1951							
9/10	F. H. Wise	25.00			25.00		
5/ 9	L. Creek, 2 yrs. Int.	38.00			38.00		
8/ 1	Antioch	20.00	5.00	10.00		5.00	
	Antioch, Other	15.00	15.00				
10/16	Barretts's	12.00	5.00	5.00		2.00	
10/15	Berea, Nans.	44.00	15.00	25.00		4.00	
	Berea, Other	13.50	13.50				
4/24	Bethlehem, D.	14.00	5.00	5.00		4.00	
	Bethlehem, N.						
1/ 9	Burton's G.	11.00	5.00	5.00		1.00	
9/14	Centerville	12.00	5.00	5.00		2.00	
	Cypress C.						
10/12	Dendron	6.00	3.00	2.00		1.00	
	Eure						
8/14	Franklin	102.00	15.00	75.00		12.00	
7/14	Berea, G. B.	55.00	15.00	35.00		5.00	
10/ 9	Holland	97.00	10.00	75.00		12.00	
	Holy Neck						
10/ 9	Hopewell	15.00	5.00	4.00		6.00	
6/ 5	Isle of Wight	22.00	10.00	10.00		2.00	
7/20	Johnson's Grove ...	10.00	5.00	3.00		2.00	
7/10	Liberty Spring	67.00	15.00	40.00		12.00	
6/ 5	Mt. Carmel	57.00	15.00	35.00		7.00	
10/13	Mt. Zion	12.00	5.00	5.00		2.00	
	New Lebanon						
8/ 3	Newport News	140.00	25.00	100.00		15.00	
4/28	Norfolk: Bay View	19.00	10.00	5.00		4.00	
	C. Temple	166.00	35.00	100.00		31.00	
	First						
5/ 9	Little Creek	5.00	2.00	2.00		1.00	
10/16	Rosemont	119.00	25.00	80.00		14.00	
	Second						
	Oak Grove						
10/13	Oakland	60.00	15.00	35.00		10.00	
10/ 3	Portsmouth, First ..	51.00	10.00	35.00		6.00	
	Elm Avenue						
6/29	Shelton Memorial .	18.00	10.00	5.00		3.00	
10/16	Richmond	55.00	15.00	35.00		5.00	
10/ 2	So. Norfolk	95.00	15.00	60.00		20.00	
10/15	Spring Hill	17.00	5.00	10.00		2.00	
	Suffolk						
5/24	Sunbury, Damascus	30.00	10.00	15.00		5.00	
7/11	Union (South) ...	40.00	20.00	15.00		5.00	
	Union (Surry)						
	Wakefield						
5/14	Waverly	40.00	10.00	25.00		5.00	
6/ 5	Windsor	49.00	15.00	30.00		4.00	
10/16	Total Receipts	$11,385.00	$1,250.61	$2,379.25	$5,666.34	$ 534.00	$1,899.85

DISBURSEMENTS.

1950			
11/ 3	J. E. Neese, Salary and Post. .....$	53.87	$ 53.87
11/ 3	Office Supply Co. ..	6.60	6.60
	Sec. Sup. and Guest Meals	3.00	3.00

	Checks	Bank Account	Conf. Fund	Conf. H. M.	Min. Ed. Fund	Va. C. Chs.	Min. Sc. Fund
11/ 3	G. C. White, Exp. .	10.00	10.00				
11/ 7	Suffolk Ins. Corp., Treasurer's Bond ..	5.00	5.00				
11/ 8	Trans. C. Fd. a|c V. C. C.		45.05				
11/ 8	Trans. CHM. Cr. Little Ck. Loan			$ 300.00			
11/10	Inter, Rel Wks. Fd.	75.00				$ 75.00	
11/10	Va. C. of Chs.	250.00				250.00	
11/15	to 10/ 2, 1951 Inc. W. L. Wood, Wakefield, Salary	400.00		400.00			
11/15	S. T. Holland, Tr. Windsor	700.00		700.00			
12/ 7	Bank Charges	.10	.10				
1951							
1/ 2	W. T. S., Supt., Loan, *C. Sun* Deficit	2,500.00			$2,500.00		
1 /11	Bank Serv. Charges	.10	.10				
8/ 1	W. T. S., Supt., Antioch, Other	15.00	15.00				
8/21	Geo. D. Colclough, Tr. Wk. Schl'ships Twiddy and Varga .	200.00			200.00		
8/27	Geo. D. Colclough, Tr. ANNUALS	268.32	268.32				
	Total Disbursements ...	$4,486.99	$ 407.04	$1,400.00	$2,700.00	$ 325.00	

RECAPITULATION.

	11-26-50 Balance	1950-51 Receipts	1950-51 Disbursements	11-16-51 Balance
Conference Fund	$ 742.11	$ 508.50	$ 361.99	$ 843.57
Conference Home Missions	1,034.25	1,345.00	1,100.00	979.25
Ministerial Ed. Fund	5,203.34	163.00	2,700.00	2,966.34
Va. Council of Churches ..	176.95	312.00	325.00	209.00
Min. Scholarship Fund ...	1,611.85	288.00		1,899.85
Total	$8,768.50	$2,616.50	$4,486.99	$6,898.01

Balance October 26, 1950	$ 8,768.50
Total Receipts—1950-51	2,616.50
Total Balance	$ 11,385.00
Disbursements for the Year	4,486.99
Balance October 15, 1951	$ 6,898.01

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

On motion it was voted to receive the report, that the treasurer's books for this conference year close as of this session of Conference, and that the report be referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Home Missions Committee was presented and, pending its adoption, Supt. W. T. Scott spoke on the theme, "The Opportunity

Before Us." Dr. N. G. Newman also spoke to the report. The report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee notes with grateful appreciation the progressive attitude of many of our rural churches—Holy Neck, Bethlehem, Great Bridge, Union (Southampton), Liberty Spring, Sunbury and Cypress Chapel are now full time pastorates.

We note, however, with deep regret that some rural churches have steadily declined for the past fifty years and may go out of existance if their present regime is continued. Some are too weak in numbers and workers to furnish adequate instruction and worship services. Some are too close to each other to have any need for existance in a day of good roads and fast travel. One group of three churches is within ten minutes drive of each other. Another of the same number is within fifteen minutes drive of each other. We deem it an unwise policy to continue to appropriate mission funds to keep alive churches which have no need of existance. We therefore recommend:

That Conference appoint a committee of ministers and laymen to study the rural church problems with a view to making recommendations as to the advisability of the consolidation of small and weak churches into larger and more efficient units, and that the committee invite the aid of the Board of Home Missions to assist in the project.

We recommend the following appropriations:

That Hopewell Church be granted $450.00 on the pastor's salary. $200.00 for the four months ending December 31, 1951 to be paid at once and $250.00 for the remaining ten months of this Conference year, to be paid quarterly in advance.

That the Sunbury Church be granted $400.00 to be applied on its parsonage note of $800.00, to be paid at once.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. NEWMAN,
MILLS E. GODWIN, JR.,
J. P. CROSS,
J. M. ROBERTS,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Some of us have been working diligently in the field of Stewardship for a long time. We have learned that reports to Conference carrying recommendations are of little value. We must find something more pointed. We desire to point out a few facts as they relate to the Eastern Virginia Conference: There are forty-two churches listed. Twenty-four of them are rural, five are in villages, and thirteen are in cities or urban communities. About half of our city churches have well-planned, well executed Every Member Canvasses. Others go through some form, but without the thoroughness the project deserves. Some of our village churches have what is known as an every member canvass, but in most cases, without proper preparation. Perhaps about a half dozen of our rural churches have good canvasses. Most of them have nothing resembling a real every member canvass. How can we overcome this sad situation in the light of the needs of the Kingdom of God? The answer is *Stewardship Education.*

How can we educate our people? We must begin with our pastors. They are our problem, and yet our brightest prospect. We suggest the following ways to bring the matter into proper focus in every church. If they are followed up, they will bring startling results:

1. Preach Stewardship sermons at intervals through the year.
2. Prepare and present Stewardship lessons (one each quarter) in every class and department in the Sunday school.

3. Organize study groups: (a) In prayer meeting, (b) Women's groups, (c) Youth groups, (d) Laymen's groups, (e) Study courses.
4. Procure literature and establish a "literature table" in the church.
5. Present visual aids: (a) Movies, (b) Film strips, (c) Slides, (d) Plays.

Any church that will carry through this program during the year and plan and conduct a good every-member canvass can multiply its ability and program of service.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. DOLLAR,
for the Committee.

The afternoon session adjourned after benediction by Rev. Ernest Brickhouse.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 7:30 p. m. by President R. E. Brittle. The worship service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Grissom, pastor of the host church, assisted by the Franklin Church choir.

A memorial service for the late Rev. J. Frank Morgan was conducted by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle. A tribute to Mr. Morgan was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Your committee is glad to report that, so far as it knows, death invaded the ranks of the official members of the Eastern Virginia Conference only once during the past year. But it is sorry to report that on that occasion death took from our ranks one of our friendliest and most fruitful ministers, Reverend Joseph Frank Morgan. This report is a tribute to him, and a memorial in his honor.

JOSEPH FRANK MORGAN.

Joseph Frank Morgan was born in North Carolina, and spent his early life there. He attended Sunday school and services of worship at a Christian Church in Moore County, and from his early youth manifested a special interest in religion, and bore witness to his feeling that he had been called to the gospel ministry. So earnest and sincere was he in this feeling, that althought he did not graduate from Elon College until 1914, he was licensed to preach in 1909, and was ordained as an Elder in 1911. His life and labors through the years confirmed the wisdom of the committees of the Conference in licensing and ordaining him at such an early age. No one who knew him would doubt that "there was a man sent from God whose name was Joseph Frank Morgan."

After a brief ministry in his native State, he came to Virginia in 1916 to become pastor of the Berkley Christian Church where he served with zeal for six years. The fact that the membership of the church was doubled in those six years is evidence of his evangelistic spirit which characterized all his ministry. It was while he was pastor at Berkley that he met and won his wife, the former Miss Lula W. Bell, a teacher in the Norfolk School system. She was a worthy helpmate for him, for she had both ability and consecration, and made a great contribution to his ministry by her teaching, her music, and her leadership in woman's work in the church.

After a ministry at Winchester of three and a half years, "Frank," as he was affectionately called, became pastor of the Rosemont Church where he spent nearly nineteen years. It was a long, and honorable, and fruitful ministry, marked by steady increase in membership, progress in physical equipment, and in enlargement of the church program. During this time a new church and educational building were erected and a modern, attractive parsonage was built, and the membership was doubled.

From Rosemont Mr. Morgan went to Second Church, Norfolk, formerly called Old Zion. Ill health caused him to resign his pastorate there after four years service. He became pastor of the Windsor Charge of four churches with high hopes of

regaining his health, and with enthusiasm for the work. But alas, he was stricken by partial paralysis after only six months and was forced to give up his cherished work there. He passed away after a lingering illness of over two and a half years. Like Enoch, he had walked with God, and God took him. He knew whom he had believed, and he was fully persuaded that God was able to keep that which he had committed unto Him against that day.

As a man, Frank Morgan was sincere, honest, friendly, kind and generous. He had a genial spirit and a cheery smile and a hearty laugh. He loved people, and made friends. He loved music, and sang as well as preached the gospel. He tried as a man to live in such a way that "the ministry be not blamed."

As a minister and pastor, Frank Morgan was faithful and fruitful. He was a man of simple and sturdy faith, humble spirit, reverent and devout mind and heart. He believed the Bible to be the word of God and the word of life. He was a man of prayer. He had the evangelistic spirit and the pastoral heart. He exalted Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world and as the Lord of life. The church was, for him the body of Christ, an institution unique in origin and in mission. He preached the word in season, out of season, and did the work of an evangelist.

As a churchman, Frank Morgan was dependable and expendable. He was at the service of the church, and gave himself for the church. He was appointed and elected to many church and Conference offices and committees, and he served faithfully and well in these spheres of activity, regarding them as sacred trusts. He kept before his people the larger program of the denomination, and enlisted their support in behalf of the Conference and Convention enterprises. He also espoused, and participated in inter-denominational enterprises as a means of making more effective the union of all of Christ's followers.

We the members of your committee hereby express on behalf of the Conference of which he was so long a member, our thanks to God for the life and labors, the friendship and the fellowship of Joseph Frank Morgan. We recommend that a copy of these Memoirs be spread upon the official minutes of this Conference, that a copy be sent to Mrs. Morgan, and that a copy be sent to *The Christian Sun* for publication.

We suggest that in connection with a brief Memorial Service, the members of the Conference stand in a moment of silent prayer as an expression of our appreciation of Frank Morgan, and as an expression of our sympathy to the members of his family circle.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HARDCASTLE,
J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
Committee.

A service of Licensure was held for John G. Truitt, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt, Sr., stood with their son, as Dr. H. S. Hardcastle presented the candidate. The service was conducted by President R. E. Brittle, and the prayer of consecration and guidance was given by Rev. W. Millard Stevens.

The Conference sermon was delivered by Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein, pastor of First Church, Richmond, using as his subject, "On the March or Merely Marking Time?"

The service of Holy Communion was led by Rev. J. E. McCauley, assisted by Rev. Jesse H. Dollar and the deacons of the Franklin Church.

Benediction by Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by President Brittle. The opening hymn and prayer were led by Rev. C. C. Thomas.

The Laymen's report was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The fall rally of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Eastern Virginia Conference was held at the Franklin Congregational Christian Church, Franklin, Va., on November 5, 1950, with over 225 men in attendance. An interesting program was presented and special emphasis was placed on *The Christian Sun,* our Convention paper. About sixty new subscriptions were obtained and the situation concerning our church paper was fully discussed; and it is believed that a deeper appreciation for the publication now exists in the minds of many of the laymen of our Conference. A number of personal contacts have been made; correspondence has been held with leading laymen, and literature has been sent to various churches throughout the Conference in connection with the work of the laymen in our churches and the organizing of Laymen's Fellowship groups in our churches. A number of our churches now have organized such groups and they are rendering a valuable service and impressing upon the men of our churches the need for them to assume a greater responsibility in the work of the church.

The annual fall rally for the Conference this year will be held on Sunday, November 11, at The Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va. A large crowd of laymen from the churches of the Conference is expected. It is thought that the total program of the church can be given a tremendous assist through organized laymen groups, and we are trying to lay the groundwork for greater effort in this direction. Most of our churches recognized Laymen's Sunday on October 21, 1951, by presenting programs by laymen in the churches of our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

MILLS E. GODWIN, JR., *President.*

The report of The Southern Convention was given by Rev. W. Millard Stevens, president.

The report of the Woman's Missionary Conference was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met on Thursday, October 4, 1951, at the Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church. An interesting program was presented around the theme, "A Highway for Our God."

There were three hundred eighty-one delegates, ministers and visitors present. This attendance was excellent considering the very inclement weather. The spirit of the conference was progressive and inspiring. The financial goal of $10,000.00 was exceeded, with many societies increasing their apportionments for the ensuing year. A new Constitution and By-Laws was presented. It was adopted as read except for a few minor changes. A revised list of Achievement Goals of the Woman's Missionary Convention was presented and adopted.

The conference considered it a privilege to have three interesting and inspiring speakers to appear on the program. The keynote address was given by Dr. W. W. Sloan, Professor of Bible and Philosophy at Elon College. He described in a very vivid and interesting way the present condition of church work in the Latin American countries, as witnessed by a trip taken by him and his wife last summer. The executive director of the Interracial Department of the Virginia Council of Churches, Mr. Emerson Smith, spoke concerning our work among migrants in Virginia. He told us about the conditions in the various migrant camps in our state and what is being done to help these unfortunate people, who are so necessary to our economy.

The third speaker was our own beloved Mrs. W. B. Williams, speaking on the subject, "Surveying the Highway." She presented in a very charming and informative way the work that the women of the Southern Convention are striving to do to build "A Highway for Our God." Mrs. Williams is the new president of the Woman's Missionary Convention and a member of the Newport News Church.

Our giving amounted to $10,055.27, of which $2,170.54 was our Thank Offering which was given to help pay for the renovation of Whitley Memorial Auditorium at Elon College, and $650 was given for Life Memberships and Memorials which for the last four years have gone to the Timothy Chang Educational Fund. We still have a nice balance in this fund. Timothy has graduated from Duke Divinity School and is enrolled at North Carolina State College at the present time.

Our Mission Study Institutes and the School of Missions were well attended by the women from this conference.

Our theme for the coming year is "A Highway for Our God." We will study "Applied Christianity" as found in the Book of James; our Foreign Mission theme is Latin America, and the Home Mission theme is "Churches for Our Country's Need."

The officers for our conference for 1951-52 are as follows: Mrs. Garland Spratley, president; Mrs. Ray Gordon, vice-president and chairman of Friendly Service; Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, recording secretary; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, corresponding secretary; Mrs. George Cornell, treasurer.

The departmental superintendents are as follows: Mrs. R. E. Brittle, Young People; Mrs. W. C. Seely, Children; Mrs. R. E. Edwards, Cradle Roll.

The chairmen of standing committees are as follows: Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, Christian Family Life; Mrs. J. H. Duling, Spiritual Life; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Interdenominational Cooperation; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Literature; Mrs. E. G. Middleton, Life Memberships and Memorials; Mrs. A. C. Moore, Visual Aids.

District superintendents are: Mrs. J. Everette Neese, Norfolk; Mrs. Ray Gordon, Suffolk; Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Waverly.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL,
Retiring President.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was read and, pending its adoption, the Rev. Wayne W. Womer, of Richmond, addresser the Conference, using as his subject "The Work and Service of the Virginia Church Temperance Council." Further recommendations by the Committee on Social Action were presented, and the report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

Again, as in past years, your Committee on Social Action regrets that it can report no real work attempted or accomplished.

I.—It is recommended:

1. That the Conference chairman of Social Action be given the names of the chairmen of Social Action in the women's organizations in each of the local churches, that these chairmen may be called together in an attempt to formulate a real plan of action.
2. That the pastor of each church secure the names of interested laymen, that discussion groups may be set up in the various areas of our Conference.

Such groups would consider those problems faced by our churches but now ignored by the majority of our fellowship. These problems have to do with inter-denominational action, use of alcohol as a beverage, juvenile and parental delinquency, recreation, etc.

It should be noted that while some of these problems may not receive wide interest in any of our churches, certainly there are individuals in each church who are in-

terested and concerned and willing, therefore, to spend some time in discussion and thought on these problems that make demands upon our churches.

Your Committee on Social Action commends to you the work of the Virginia Church Temperance Council and is happy at this time to present Rev. Wayne W. Womer, executive secretary of the council.

II.—It is further recommended:

Because we believe that Universal Military Training is: (1) A real threat to world peace, since, in a vital sense, it predisposes us to war; (2) Unnecessary because the military needs of this country can be adequately met by the present emergency conscription plan that can be dropped at the conclusion of the emergency; (3) An intolerable burden, financially, for our nation when we are already heavily loaded with military expenditure; (4) Impracticable because the men trained under such a program are not permanently trained, i. e. intensive refresher courses for long periods of time would be required before trainees could be integrated into the military forces; (5) Dangerous to the moral welfare of our nation, because it strikes at the basic unit of the home; therefore,

Be It Resolved:

That the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches is strongly opposed to the passage of the proposed Universal Military Training Program in the coming session of Congress or at any other time.

Respectfully submitted,

DUANE N. VORE, *Chairman*,
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,
M. E. TAYLOR,
JOHNSON GRIFFIN,
HARRY W. LEE.

On motion, it was voted that the secretary forward a copy of Section II of the report to our Senators and to Congressmen in Districts 1, 2 and 3.

On motion, it was voted that the Resolutions Committee bring in a recommendation concerning the recent appointmen of General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican State.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens suggested that a telegram of congratulations be sent to President L. E. Smith upon his twenty years of service to Elon College.

The report of the Historian was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

My previous reports have dealt with ministers. This report deals with churches.

I have written a history of ten churches: Suffolk, Berea (Nansemond), Oakland, Newport News, Windsor, Union (Southampton), Barrett's, Cypress Chapel, Holy Neck and Franklin. In these, I am cooperating with the Historian of the Convention, who has secured a history of more than thirty of the North Carolina churches. I send my histories on to him, and he types them, has them bound and placed in the fireproof library at Elon College. This has been a very pleasant, yet difficult task. Some of our oldest churches have no records for the first twenty-five or fifty years. Many records have been lost by fire, or sheer carelessness. Some are in a handwriting that can hardly be deciphered. Others are so carelessly kept as to be of little historic value. Some of the neatest and best kept are from fifty to one hundred years old.

I would, therefore, make the following suggestions and recommendations:

1. That churches give more care and thought to the choice of secretaries.
2. That churches see that their records are kept in full, neat and accurate form, and available for reference.

3. That churches keep their proceedings in one large, substantial record book, instead of a number of small cheap ones.
4. That churches endeavor to preserve their records, so far as possible, from loss by fire or other accidental causes.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. NEWMAN, *Historian.*

The report on Religious Literature was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Religious Literature desires to emphasize the importance of each minister giving as much time as possible to reading the best religious books coming from the press during the present period in addition to reading regularly our own denominational papers—*Advance* and *The Christian Sun*—also *The Christian Century.*

Your committee would also urgently recommend the use of our denomination's Sunday schoool material in all departments of our Sunday school; and the use of *Daily Devotions* in all of our congregations.

ROY C. HELFENSTEIN, *Chairman.*

The report of the Christian Orphanage was given by Supt. John G. Truitt. He urged the churches to make a liberal Thanksgiving offering to the orphanage.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, have carefully examined the records and papers of the Conference Treasurer, Mr. G. C. White, and have found them correct and orderly as usual. We have also verified the balances as shown by the bank statement and have found them correct. We thank Mr. White for his fine work.

We report that the treasurer has received at Conference the sum of $182.00 for the Conference, and $288.92 for Convention enterprises, making a total of $470.92.

The records of the treasurer show the following amounts on hand and in the bank, when the amount for the Conference as stated above is added to the balance as reported to the Conference:

Conference Fund	$ 945.07
Conference Home Missions	1,489.25
Virginia Council of Churches, and for Work in State Institutions	311.00
	$2,745.32
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	2,329.85
Ministerial Loan Fund	2,966.34
Grand Total	$8,041.51

We recommend the payment of the following from the Conference Fund:

Suffolk Insurance Co., premium on Treasurer's Bond	$ 5.00
Secretary's Salary	50.00
Supplies and Miscellaneous Expense of Secretary.	
Incidental Expenses of Treasurer and Other Officers.	

We authorize the treasurer to transfer $200.00 from the Ministerial Scholarship Fund to the Ministerial Loan Fund to replace money for Work Scholarships granted to Baxter Twiddy and Paul Varga.

We authorize the treasurer to pay from the Conference Fund the amount necessary to pay in full the appropriations to the Virginia Council of Churches and the Work in State Institutions; and to pay from this same fund $100.00 to the Virginia Church Temperance Council. Also to pay to Dr. Ferris Reynolds and to Rev. R. L. Jackson $15.00 each for expenses.

We further authorize the treasurer to pay from the Home Missions Fund the following sums, as authorized by the Home Missions Committee of the Conference:

$400.00 to the Sunbury Church on Parsonage Note.

$450.00 to the Hopewell Church: $200 at once, the remainder to be paid at the rate of $25.00 per month for ten months, in quarterly payments in advance

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. HARDCASTLE,
OTIS V. JOYNER,
EARL T. FARRELL.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your committee submits the following nominations, as indicated, for the coming year:

President—Dr. Jesse H. Dollar.
Vice-President—Rev. W. Stanley Carne.
Secretary—Rev. Jas. H. Lightbourne, Jr.
Assistant Secretary—Rev. Johnson L. Griffin.
Treasurer—Mr. G. C. White.
Historian—Dr. N. G. Newman.
Member, Southern Convention Executive Board—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle.
Trustee, Virginia Church Temperance Council—Rev. Ellis N. Clarke.
Members, Virginia Council of Churches—Dr. R. C. Helfenstein, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. Duane N. Vore, Rev. W. Millard Stevens.

We recommend:

1. That the Executive Committee of the Conference be authorized to elect delegates as required for the General Council.
2. That the nominees voted by the churches as delegates to the next session of the Southern Convention be elected, as such, and that the secretary be authorized to place those names in the records of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. JOHNSON,
ELLIS N. CLARK,
MRS. FRANK H. LEWIS,
Committee.

The Rev. Allan H. Gleason, Jr., professor at Hartford Theological Seminary, was presented to Conference.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The eighty-second annual session of the Sunday School Convention of Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches was held at the South Norfolk Church, July 17, 1951. The session was well attended and exceedingly helpful.

The day's session included an address by Dr. D. J. Bowden, dean of Elon College, a forum and group discussions. Dr. Bowden challenged the convention to increased activity through his message, "The Burning Bush." The forum discussed interesting questions relating to Sunday school activity, efficiency and planning. In the discussion groups the problems and plans confronting specific departments in the Sunday school were presented and discussed.

The total receipts of the convention were $965.00. Of this amount, it was voted that $750 be paid to the Board of Christian Education, $50.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches, $100.00 for Teacher Training Courses in the Eastern Virginia Conference, and the expense of the secretary.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Floyd A. Turner, president; Rev. H. E.

Crutchfield, vice-president; W. H. Baker, secretary, and Miss Mary Lee Folk, treasurer.

The convention will hold its 1952 session with the Bethlehem Church on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in July.

Respectfully submitted,

FLOYD A. TURNER, *President.*

The report of Youth Fellowship was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

Four important things have happened for our youth in the past year. Three of them are accomplished facts, but the fourth is yet to be done.

The three things that have been done are: First, the winter meeting at Franklin, Virginia. The Rev. Henry Rust, executive secretary of the Department of Youth of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, was our speaker and leader. Mr. Rust presented a challenge for our young people to assume their full responsibility in the work of the churches in our Conference. The second was the first of the annual state-wide meetings of our young people. Meeting in Richmond more than 500 strong, we were led by Ken Stokes, president of the National Pilgrim Fellowship, and Warren Matthews, president of our Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship. Our young people began to see the tremendous task that they can fulfill. The third meeting was the fall conference at the Suffolk Christian Church where Jose Dabuet, who is the physical part of our Philippine project, was presented to us by Miss Patie Lee Coghill. Jose is studying at Princeton Theological Seminary.

The fourth thing was presented at this meeting. Miss Martha Beggs, state representative of the United Christian Youth Movement (a part of the Virginia Council of Churches), presented to us "The Call to Christian Youth Action." U. C. Y. M., in 1952, hopes to enlist one million young people across our country for greater personal devotion to the way of Christ, greater service to our local church, and greater outreach for ministry to others in other lands. "The Call" can mean much to our local churches if our young people really give themselves to the services it recommended and requires.

During this past year the Youth Fellowship of Eastern Virginia has contributed more financially than it ever has in its history. We exceeded our 1949-50 giving by $445.00, and we look forward to a new year in which we will again exceed the goals we have set for ourselves.

One important thing should be noted. While the Youth Fellowship expects to assume some financial responsibility, we do not feel that the greatest value lies in the amount of money contributed to any given cause but rather the real value in the fact that we are training an ever increasing group of young people for church leadership and church support. This, to our minds, is the primary function of the Youth Fellowship.

We look on the work of the past year with some pride but with deep humility and with real devotion we look forward to the new year in the hope that we shall accomplish much more in the service of our churches and to the glory of God.

The Executive Committee of the Youth Fellowship wishes to express its deep appreciation for the unselfish service and fine leadership given to our group by Jack Byrd, immediate past-president. It was his vision and untiring effort that made possible to a large degree the successes we have had in the past two years. Even though he was inducted into the U. S. Army during his last year as president, he laid the foundations and helped complete the plans for the work accomplished in the state meeting and for the Philippine project.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

On motion, it was voted that the Conference records and actions be printed in THE ANNUAL, and that 300 copies be secured and pro-rated among the churches.

On motion, it was voted that the Conference accept the invitation of the

South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church for the meeting of the 1952 session of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

1. Resolved, that we thank the members of the Program Committee in planning and executing a splendid program.
2. Resolved, that we express our appreciation to Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds, Elon College, N. C., for his helpful and inspiring message on "Let the Prophets Speak"; to Rev. Richard L. Jackson, former missionary to China, for his moving message; to Dr. W. T. Scott for his helpful message; to Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein for the Conference Sermon, "On the March, or Merely Marking Time." Let us accept this as a challenge to our Conference and our churches in the words of our Lord, when he said to Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." To Rev. Wayne W. Womer, executive secretary of the Virginia Church Temperance Council, and to all the speakers who have helped in making this session of our Conference so informing and inspiring.
3. Resolved, that we express our gratitude for the musical program rendered by the host church.
4. We wish to commend our president, Rev. R. E. Brittle, for the sincere spirit he has shown, and the expediency with which he has dispatched the business of the Conference.
5. Resolved, that we express, by standing, our deep appreciation to the pastor and members of the Franklin Congregational Christian Church for the gracious manner in which they have entertained the one hundred and thirty-first annual session of the Eastern Virginia Conference for their excellent meals and their gracious hospitality in entertaining delegates in their homes.
6. Feeling that the recent action of President Harry S. Truman, in appointing General Mark Clark as Ambassador to the Vatican State is in open violation of the principle of the separation of church and state and contributes to the already confused international situation; therefore,

   BE IT RESOLVED: That the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, assembled at Franklin, Virginia, November 1, 1951, vigorously protests this appointment, on principle, and that the secretary of the Conference transmit this protest to our representatives in the Congress of the United States, and ask them to vote against this confirmation upon their return to Washington in January, 1952.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. C. MOORE,
REV. M. E. TAYLOR,
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON.

The president-elect appointed the following standing committees:

Executive—Jesse H. Dollar, W. S. Carne, James H. Lightbourne, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, W. A. Grissom.

Ministerial Education—H. S. Hardcastle, N. G. Newman, W. Millard Stevens, J. E. McCauley, I. W. Johnson.

Apportionments—S. T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, Floyd A. Turner, Ellis N. Clarke, J. Letcher Eley.

Home Missions—R. E. Brittle, N. G. Newman, Mills E. Godwin, G. C. Mann, Harry W. Lee.

Foreign Missions—Duane N. Vore, Earl T. Farrell, Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. William T. Harrell.

Evangelism—Melvin Dollar, O. D. Poythress, A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Mrs. Frank Lewis, Eugene Tally.

Christian Education—W. A. Grissom, L. E. Smith, W. T. Scott, John G. Truitt, Floyd A. Turner.

Religious Literature—R. C. Helfenstein, Mrs. A. C. Moore, Mrs. Garland Spratley, Ernest Brickhouse, John Gallo.

Stewardship—W. Millard Stevens, C. C. Thomas, J. Everette Neese, Darden W. Jones, W. W. Piland.

Social Action—A. Lanson Granger, Jr., H. E. Crutchfield, Johnson L. Griffin, M. E. Taylor, J. Vaughan Beale.

Superannuation—J. T. Kernodle, W. H. Baker, G. C. White.

Program—The Executive Committee and O. D. Poythress.

Place of Meeting—Mrs. R. E. Brittle.

Memoirs—I. W. Johnson, J. M. Roberts, T. Fred Wright.

On motion, it was voted that Conference adjourn following prayer and benediction by Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., and that it meet in its 132nd annual session with the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1952.

R. E. BRITTLE, *President.*
J. EVERETTE NEESE, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Brittle, R. E.—Church: Bethlehem (Nansemond). Sermons, 118; members received, 71; weddings, 103; conversions, 54; baptisms, 31; addresses, 5; funerals, 43.

Carne, W. S.—Church: First, Portsmouth. Sermons, 150; members received, 19; prayer meetings, 100; weddings, 6; conversions, 10; baptisms, 11; addresses, 60; funerals, 8.

Clarke, Ellis N.—Churches: Antioch, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Windsor. Sermons, 98; members received, 33; prayer meetings, 6; weddings, 3; conversions, 10; baptisms, 10; addresses, 6; funerals, 8.

Crawford, V. T.—Church: Shelton Memorial. Sermons, 55; prayer meetings, 1; weddings, 1; addresses, 16; funerals, 3.

Crutchfield, Henry E.—Church: Berea (Great Bridge). Sermons, 57; members received, 17; prayer meetings, 20; weddings, 2; conversions, 6; baptisms, 4; addresses, 4; funerals, 1.

Dollar, Jesse H.—Church: Liberty Spring. Sermons, 65; members received, 19; baptisms, 3; addresses, 17; funerals, 12.

Dollar, Melvin—Church: Union (Southampton). Sermons, 132; members received, 37; weddings, 2; conversions, 18; baptisms, 15; addresses, 2; funerals, 3.

Farrell, Earl T.—Churches: Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Oak Grove. Sermons, 112; members received, 29; weddings, 2; baptisms, 12; addresses, 5; funerals, 9.

Forbes, Robert G.—Chaplain, U. S. Air Force, Korea.

Granger, A. Lanson, Jr.—Church: Newport News. Sermons, 78; members received, 25; prayer meetings, several; weddings, 8; baptisms, 13; addresses, 10; funerals, 4.

Griffin, Johnson L.—Church: Bay View. Sermons, 99; members received, 15; prayer meetings, 7; weddings, 3; conversions, 4; baptisms, 4; addresses, 13; funerals, 2.

Grissom, W. A.—Churches: Franklin, Johnson's Grove. Sermons, 70; members received, 18; weddings, 5; conversions, 10; baptisms, 10; addresses, 7; funerals, 4.

Hardcastle, H. S.—Churches: Oakland, Berea (Nansemond). Sermons, 43; members received, 32; prayer meetings, 2; weddings, 12; conversions, 16; baptisms, 16; addresses, a large number; funerals, 10.

Helfenstein, Roy C.—Church: First, Richmond. Sermons, 51; members received, 17; Weddings, 5; conversions, 5; baptisms, 6; addresses, 11; funerals, 4.

Jackson, Richard L.—Church: January 1 to August 31, under American Board; September 1 to December 31, Chapel Hill (E. N. C. Conf.). Sermons (10 months), 135; weddings, 1.

Johnson, I. W.—Pastor Emeritus, Berea, Liberty Spring, Oakland. Supply pastor, Rosemont, Holy Neck. Sermons, 35; members received, 4; weddings, 17; addresses, 25; funerals, 20.

Jones, Elwood W.—Retired. Sermons, 6; addresses, 41; funerals, 1.

Lightbourne, James H., Jr.—Church: Holland. Sermons, 46; members received, 17; prayer meetings, 32; weddings, 3; baptisms, 3; addresses, 5; funerals, 8.

McCauley, Joseph E.—Churches: Waverly, Spring Hill, Centerville. Sermons, 108; members received, 19; prayer meetings, 6; weddings, 4; conversions, 15; baptisms, 16; addresses, 5; funerals, 12.

Murchison, J. Victor—Church: Friends, Winston Salem, N. C.

Neese, J. Everette—Church: Second, Norfolk. Sermons, 101; members received, 3; prayer meetings, 48; weddings, 8; conversions, 2; baptisms, 2; addresses, 6; funerals, 5.

Newman, N. G.—Retired. Sermons, 7; weddings, 1; baptisms, 1; funerals, 1.

Pearce, G. A.—Business. Weddings, 1.

Phillips, S. W.—Professional. Sermons, 12; addresses, 7.

Poythress, O. D.—Church: South Norfolk. Sermons, 72; members received, 32; prayer meetings, 55; weddings, 50; conversions, 27; baptisms, 27; addresses, 16; funerals, 61.

Roberts, J. M.—No report.

Scott, W. T.—Superintendent of the Southern Convention. Sermons, 43; members received, 10; conversions, 10.

Smith, L. E.—President of Elon College. Sermons, 12; weddings, 2; addresses, 3; funerals, 4.

Stevens, W. Millard—Church: Christian Temple. Sermons, 78; members received, 39; weddings, 11; baptisms, 10 adults and 11 infants; funerals, 16.

Thomas, C. C.—Church: First, Norfolk. Sermons, 68; members received, 11; weddings, 5; baptisms, 8; addresses, 7; funerals, 4.

Truitt, John G.—Superintendent, Christian Orphanage. Sermons, 91; prayer meetings, 12; weddings, 1; addresses, 38; funerals, 4.

Vore, Duane N.—Church: Suffolk. Sermons, 84; members received, 35; weddings, 16; conversions, 11; baptisms, 18; addresses, 31; funerals, 28.

Wood, W. L.—Churches: Dendron, Burton's Grove, Barrett's, Wakefield. Sermons, 102; members received, 7; prayer meetings, 19; weddings, 2; conversions, 1; baptisms, 2; addresses, 4; funerals, 3.

CONFERENCE ORDAINED LOCAL MINISTERS.

Gallo, John—Church: Bethlehem (Disputanta). Sermons, 50; weddings, 1; baptisms, 2; addresses, 48; funerals, 1.

Nash, D. D.—No report.

Taylor, M. E.—Church: Little Creek. Sermons, 103; members received, 3; prayer meetings, 52; weddings, 4; conversions, 4; baptisms, 1; funerals, 2.

LICENTIATES.

Gleason, H. A., Jr.—Associate Professor and Librarian, Hartford Seminary Foundation. Sermons, 11; addresses, 5.

Twiddy, C. Baxter—Student at Duke Divinity School.

Truitt, John G., Jr.—Student at Elon College.

Varga, Paul—Student at Hartford Theological Seminary.

MEMBERS OF BIBLICAL CLASS.

Askew, Ruben S.—Student at Elon College.

Barron, George—Student at Elon College.

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HANK'S CHAPEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
NOVEMBER 7 AND 8, 1951.

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The eighty-first Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Hank's Chapel Christian Church on Wednesday morning, November 7, 1951. The session began at 10 o'clock, with President F. C. Lester presiding.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. R. T. Grissom, host pastor.

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—C. Fred Allred, F. C. Lester, E. Carl Brady, B. H. Lowdermilk, H. V. Cox, Martin L. Fogleman, T. D. Sutton, J. Q. Pugh, G. H. Veazey, L. M. Presnell, W. T Madren, Clyde Fields, M. A. Pollard, J. U. Fogleman.

Licentiate—Lunnie W. Burgess.

Biblical Class—Max Vestal, Winfred Bray.

Churches and Delegates.

Albemarle—G. A. Russell, Bill Simmons, Mrs. Joe Pennington, Mrs. Marshall Troutman.

Antioch (C)—

Antioch (R)—

Asheboro—Mrs. Orva Brown, Hubert Beane, Mrs. E. P. Burroughs.

Bailey's Grove—J. C. Millikan, E. H. Cole.

Bennett—Lucille Morgan, Mrs. H. H. Bray.

Big Oak—Lloyd Steele, Alton Richardson, D. E. Cole, Edgar Brewer.

Biscoe—Edgar Freeman, Clarence Coggin.

Brown's Chapel—Richard Brewer, Richard Lynder, Charlie Key.

Center Grove—

Ether—Elbert Mabe, Nellie Moore, A. K. Vuncanon.

Flint Hill (M)—Paul Britt, Quinten Britt.

Flint Hill (R)—

Grace's Chapel—Mrs. Ralph Fouchee, G. J. Coggin, Mrs. H. M. Nicholson.

Hank's Chapel—H. C. Farrell, Luther Riddle, Roland Farrell, Mrs. Glen White.

High Point—Mrs. G. H. Veazey, Nellie Lewis, J. G. Temple.

Liberty—Cyrus Shoffner, Mrs. L. M. Presnell.

Mt. Pleasant—Ellen Marks, Mrs. D. E. Riggsbee.

Needham's Grove—Claude Scott, W. W. Ritter, G. D. Brewer.

New Center—Avery Brown, L. B. Craven.

Parks Cross Roads—

Patterson's Grove—
Pleasant Cross—Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Edna Garner, Mrs. D. G. Craven.
Pleasant Grove—J. W. Caviness, L. H. Brady, Billie Chilton, M. E. Jones.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. M. A. Pollard, Mrs. Lawrence Fox, Mrs. O. T. Wicker, Mrs. Dora Hornaday.
Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Clyde Fields, Mrs. Colbert Allen, Theodore Cox, Mrs. Theodore Cox.
Pleasant Union—Mrs. Donnie Garner, I. H. McDowell, Mrs. Ashley Trotter.
Providence Chapel—C. B. Brewer.
Ramseur—Mrs. Claude Craven, Mrs. E. A. Cox, E. A. Cox, Mrs. C. B. Grimes.
Randleman—Mrs. Henry Stevenson, L. V. Dorsett, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. O. L. Stout.
Seagrove—Mrs. Amos Farlow, Amos Farlow.
Shady Grove—Von Allen, Mrs. Von Allen, Calvin Brown, Mrs. Calvin Brown.
Shiloh—Mrs. N. L. Rumley.
Smithwood—Edward Smith, Mrs. J. H. Crutchfield, Harvey Smith, Mrs. M. C. Black.
Sophia—L. P. Hayes.
Spoon's Chapel—C. F. Saunders, Edith Stout, Mrs. C. C. Smith.
Union Grove—Van Brown, Paul Wilson, J. L. Lawson, C. H. Beane.
Zion—C. W. Wicker, Mrs. Daisy Johnson, Mrs. L. C. Johnson.

The following visitors were introduced and seated as deliberative members: Revs. John G. Truitt, Mack Welch and J. T. Bowers of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference; Revs. Fred Register, president, R. T. Grissom, Geo. M. Tally, Eugene Tally, Will B. O'Neill, J. A. Denton, E. M. Carter, of the Eastern North Carolina Conference; Rev. J. B. Ballard, supply pastor at Albemarle; Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of The Southern Convention; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Dr. R. L. House, Editor of *The Christian Sun;* Rev. W. Millard Stevens, President of The Southern Convention; Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, Minister and Secretary of the Missions Council, New York City.

Special committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating—G. H. Veazey, chairman; L. H. Brady, Harvey Smith, Amos Farlow, J. Q. Pugh.
Finance—Ira L. McDowell, chairman; A. L. Lucas, R. C. Brewer.
Resolutions—W. T. Madren, chairman; Mrs. Claude Craven, Paul Wilson.
Press—Max Vestal, chairman; Winfred Bray, Bill simmons.
Place—Mr. Glenn White.

The Program Committee presented the program and motion to adopt it as the working order of Conference, with such changes as become necessary. Motion adopted.

Dr. W. T. Scott introduced Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, who was to appear later on the program.

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, President of The Southern Convention, was introduced by Dr. F. C. Lester, and spoke to the Conference on the work of the Convention.

Dr. R. L. House, Editor, *The Christian Sun,* was asked to speak on *"The Christian Sun,"* in the absence of Rev. Duane Vore, Chairman of the Board of Publications.

Dr. W. T. Scott was asked to speak on getting the paper into the homes of our people.

Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, spoke on "Our Advance at the Orphanage."

Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher led the devotional and conducted communion service, assisted by Revs. Clyde Fields, T. D. Sutton, L. M. Presnell and E. Carl Brady.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 2:00 by President F. C. Lester. Hymn followed by prayer, Bill Simmons leading.

All churches reported on the progress they had made during the year. One delegate from each church was spokesman.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by M. A. Pollard, secretary, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference were held on December 11, 1950, January 7, 1951, May 25, 1951, and a joint session with the Executive Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Conference at Sanford, N. C. on June 29, 1951. Business transacted by the committee included:

1. The treasurer of conference was authorized to pay to the treasurer of The Southern Convention the amount of $5.00 (⅓ cost of printing) for certificates of ordination, licensure, and conference ordination.

2. The treasurer of conference was authorized to pay Long and Long, attorneys, $152.00, the balance on their account.

3. Secretary of conference authorized to take up with Secretary of State, Hon. Thad Eure, the change in the corporate name of the conference from "The Western North Carolina Christian Conference" to "The Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches."

4. Approved the building of a new church at Antioch (R) as proposed by the church with the understanding that the local church is free to use its property as it sees fit, so long as it is used for a Congregational Christian Church.

5. Rev. L. M. Presnell to continue work at Siler City with the hope of organizing a church there. A building has been rented for a year beginning June 1, 1951, at a cost of $100 per month, with the privilege of buying within the first seven months for $18,500, with rental applied on that amount.

6. Each conference committee may draw on the treasury up to $10.00 for work within the conference.

7. We are pleased to report that the Reverends George M. Tally, Eugene Tally, and Clay Ferrell are working cooperatively and in fine spirit. We regret to have to report that Mr. Franklin Pierce of Fuquay Springs, a member of Catawba Springs Christian Church, is now serving churches within the bounds of this conference. He has no ministerial standing with any denomination. It may be that further recommendation will need to be made to this session concerning this matter.

F. C. LESTER, *Chairman,*
M. A. POLLARD, *Secretary,*
W. H. FREEMAN,
CYRUS SHOFFER,
MRS. R. R. AUMAN.
MRS. I. L. MCDOWELL,
BILL SIMMONS.

Business Session—Discussion of group insurance was led by Dr. W. T. Scott, and after some discussion by members of Conference, a motion was made that we adopt this policy covering all ordained ministers in good standing in the Conference, and that the churches of the Conference raise for this purpose 16 cents per member per year, this to be added to the regular Conference apportionments now paid by the churches, and sent in through the regular channel of apportionments. This motion was adopted by Conference.

The report of the Committee on Ministry was submitted by Rev. E. Carl Brady, chairman, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

1. Avery Brown, a member of New Center Church appeared before the committee and stated his desire to preach. We recommend him for membership in the Biblical Class, and that he follow a prescribed course of study for a year.

2. Winfred Bray, a sophmore at Elon and member of Pleasant Grove Church seeks local licensure, we recommend such licensure for him.

3. Lunnie Burgess, a local conference licentiate appeared before the committee, we recommend that his license be continued for another year.

4. Bill Simmons, a freshman at Elon and member of the Albemarle Church, appeared before the committee, we recommend that he be admitted to the Biblical Class.

5. Max Vestal, a Junior at Elon and a member of the Asheboro Church, wishes regular licensure at this session of conference, we so recommend.

6. Gail Brady, a member of Pleasant Grove Church, wishes to be admitted to the Biblical Class, we recommend such admission.

7. Rev. Fred Allred is transferring his field of labor to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. He wants a letter of transfer to that conference, we recommend that this conference give him this letter.

8. Rev. Martin L. Fogleman, a local conference minister, has done good work in the Eastern North Carolina Conference. This year his field of labor is in this conference, we recommend the continuance of his standing.

E. CARL BRADY, *Chairman,*
H. V. COX,
W. T. MADREN,
G. H. VEAZEY.

Conference recessed temporarily for the annual session of the C. M. A.

MINUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The Conference Christian Missionary Association met on recess of Conference at 2:45 p. m. at Hank's Chapel on November 7, 1951. Rev. M. A. Pollard called the meeting to order.

The secretary read the minutes of last year's meeting. On motion the minutes were approved as read.

The president said that $300.00 had been sent from the treasury to the Siler City work.

Collection of dues occupied a few minutes of time.

Dr. Scott interested the group in the C. M. A. program. As a result of his remarks several new members were received.

Motion made and carried that officers for next year be nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations. The officers for the ensuing year are: Rev. W. T. Madren, president; Mr. S. H. Pell, vice-president; Rev. E. Carl Brady, secretary, and Rev. Winifred Bray, treasurer.

The report of the treasurer showed collections of $340.82. Disbursements to Siler City project amounted to $300.00, leaving a balance in the treasury of $40.82.

The Christian Missionary Association then adjourned.

M. A. POLLARD, *President.*
E. CARL BRADY, *Secretary.*

After the meeting of the C. M. A. Conference reconvened.

Motion made and carried that the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference work with the Executive Committees of the Eastern North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina and Virginia Conference in regard to a one-day meeting of all these conferences during the year.

Conference adjourned until 7:30 after a memorial service for Rev. Ben Joe Earp, led by Rev. W. T. Madren.

REV. BEN JOE EARP.

February 12, 1951, Rev. Ben Joe Earp, one of our most beloved ministers, passed from this life unto life Everlasting. Brother Earp was born in Caswell County, April 5, 1888. At an early age he united with the Mt. Lebanon Christian Church. He was a graduate of Elon College and attended Vanderbilt University.

Brother Earp gave to the Congregational Christian Church forty years of his life as a minister, being licensed to preach in 1911 and ordained as an Elder in 1913. He has served churches throughout The Southern Convention and in Georgia. The churches he served were much stronger because of service to them. Three churches secured parsonages during his ministry. He seemed to delight in serving even the smaller churches, but they were blest by his ministry.

During the forty years of his ministry Brother Earp missed only one Southern Convention meeting. This was because of ill health. He grieved because of his absence and said with tears in his eyes, "My heart was there." The conferences in which he served knew him as a loyal member.

For nearly two years he was bed fast. Though he suffered much he was very patient. Soon after he became ill, he planned his own funeral service, requesting the hymns "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and "Amazing Grace" be sung. These he said, "Expressed his religious faith." Rightly did the minister say at his funeral, "He stood up for his Christ, he stood up for his church."

Brother Earp was known as an humble, sincere Christian, churchman, and friend. The world is a better place because he lived. It was a privilege to have known him. His life, his devotion, his high moral standards, are a challenge to all of us. Surely he has heard the welcoming summons, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference called to order by President F. C. Lester at 7:30. Hymn and prayer, Mr. Lester leading.

Registration of all not previously registered.

Departments reporting—

Women's Missionary Societies, Mrs. Clyde Fields, Superintendent of the Asheboro District:

WOMEN OF ASHEBORO DISTRICT.

Fifteen of the 38 churches of the Western Conference have active missionary socities. 14 of these are in the Asheboro District. Hank's Chapel is in the Sanford District. The Asheboro District is one of a number of districts which make up the North Carolina Women's Conference. Several conferences then in turn make up the Woman's Convention of The Southern Convention.

The North Carolina Women's Conference meets annually for inspiration, instruction, fellowship, and business. The conference met this October in Ingram, Virginia. Here our work was reviewed and new plans made for this year's activity.

Our district has been following the theme set by the Woman's Convention for the year 1950-51. "Thy Will to Do" proved to be a challenging theme for service

in the work of making Christ known at home and abroad. For our Bible Study we sought to know more about "Great Bible Prayers." For our mission study we learned more about the Near East.

For the new year, 1951-52, we are following the theme "A Highway for Our God." The Book of James is to be our Bible Study. Our financial goal is $490 for the work of Missions. It is hoped that most groups will surpass the goal. Many varied friendly service projects are also planned.

We need a missionary society in every church in the conference. No church is too small for a society if there are two women in the church. The superintendent of the district would count it a privilege to help organize a missionary society in any of our churches. The work of Missions should be close to our hearts for Christ looks to us for dedicated hearts and hands to do his service.

MRS. CLYDE FIELDS, *Superintendent.*

Laymen's Fellowship, Sybrant Pell, chairman:

LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

Work of the Laymen's Fellowship in this Conference has not been as active this year as it should have been. It never has. The laymen's work is really "The Men Undergirding the Total Program of the Church." This is a big job, and we men need to be at work.

This year the Laymen's Fellowship is emphasizing its purpose as voted in June, 1948, which is as follows:

1. To promote Christian fellowship among men of the church.
2. To encourage widespread practice of Christian principles in all daily relationships.
3. To rally all men to the support of the total program of the churches.
4. To develop an awareness of the universal need for Christian Brotherhood.
5. To cultivate the love of God in the hearts and minds of men everywhere.
6. To create Christian statesmanship.
7. To sponsor local, state and national programs that will effectuate these purposes.

These purposes are within themselves a challenge to the men of our churches to work harder than ever for the cause of Christ.

Things. to remember:

1. Organize a Laymen's Fellowship in your church, if you do not have one.
2. Begin taking the Fellowship News Letter.
3. Get program material from our national director, Walter Graham, or anywhere else you like.
4. Be sure to observe Laymen's Sunday next October.
5. Get packet of material prepared by Mr. Graham on "The Emphasis for 1951." (25c).
6. Get men to work together, support their church, and worship together.
7. Our Motto: "Every Man Working in his Place in his Church."

Our national director, Mr. Walter Graham of Pembroke, Kentucky, will be glad to send you free of charge *The Fellowship,* a monthly news letter concerning the work our church men are doing. Write him for your copy.

S. H. PELL, *Chairman.*

Pilgrim Fellowship, Clyde Fields, Jr., president. Report read by Miss Francis Saunders as follows:

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Western Conference has had a good year. The fifth Sunday Rallies have been well attended and very helpful. Under the fine leadership of Bill Simmons of Albemarle, much has been done to weld our young people of the Conference together.

The first rally was held at Asheboro with a large number of young people and visitors present. Mrs. F. C. Lester led a most impressive candlelight service. This meeting ws held on the last day of the year.

The next fifth Sunday was a state-wide rally held at Elon College. Several hundred young people from all over the state gathered in Whitley Auditorium for an inspiring service. The national president of Pilgrim Fellowship was present.

The next rally was held at Albemarle with some 250 young people present. The host church gave a most inspiring play, "Simon the Leper." The Albemarle Church later presented the play at Union Grove.

The next rally was held at Shady Grove with another large attendance. Here new officers were elected as follows: Clyde Fields, president, Dolan Tolbert, vice-president; Evangeline Gann, secretary; Frances Sanders, treasurer. Rev. T. D. Sutton, Max Vestal, Bill Simmons, and Mrs. S. H. Pell are counsellors.

CLYDE FIELDS, JR., *President.*

Licensing of candidates as recommended by the Committee on the Ministry: Max Vestal, of the Asheboro Church, and Winfred Bray, of Pleasant Grove Church, were licensed by President F. C. Lester for the Conference.

Special music was rendered by the Hank's Chapel Quartet, followed by an address by Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, on the subject, "About the Witness of Our Churches." Benediction by Rev. Eugene Tally.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference called to order at 9:30 by President Lester. Prayer led by Rev. Martin L. Fogleman.

Enrollment of additional delegates not registered.

Report on the Elon College Sustaining Fund by Rev. Clyde Fields, chairman. While the report was pending, President L. E. Smith spoke concerning Elon College and the need there. The report was then adopted as follows:

ELON COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND.

The need for Christian education is more needful now than ever. Secularism has challenged Christianity to a death fight. Christianity needs the support of Christian colleges in checking the inreads of secularism during the formative years spent in securing a college education. The Christian Truths must needs be spoken intelligently and forcefully during the period when other truths bid for supremacy. College years are most important years psychologically, educationally, morally, and spiritually. The Christian undergirding and moral support of a Christian college must not be denied our young people who seek higher education. Elon College, our college, needs our earnest prayers and support.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. William Moseley Brown, members of the faculty, members of the staff, and trustees of the college for fine service rendered.

Our appreciation to churches of the Western Conference who have paid their Dollar-A-Month Sustaining Fund in full or in part. It is to be hoped that all will make efforts to meet this worthy challenge from the college and Convention of One Dollar A Member for Elon.

CLYDE FIELDS, *Chairman,*
CYRUS SHOFFER,
W. T. MADREN,
RALPH RIDDLE,
MRS. ORVA BROWN,
MRS. JACK SHOFFER,
L. M. PRESNELL,
GEORGE T. GUNTER,
Committee

The report of the Committee on Nominations was submitted by Rev. G. H. Veazey, chairman. Suspension of the two-year rule for president was asked, and motion to suspend was adopted. On motion the report on Nominations was then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee, nominate the following officers for another year:

President—Dr. F. C. Lester.

Vice-President—Rev. Clyde L. Fields.

Secretary—Rev. M. A. Pollard.

Assistant Secretary—Bill Simmons.

Treasurer—Mr. I. L. McDowell.

Laymen's Work—Mr. S. H. Pell, *Chairman.*

Representatives, North Carolina Council of Churches—W. T. Madren, Cyrus Shoffner.

Representatives, Southern Convention Board—Dr. F. C. Lester, S. H. Pell.

Representatives to General Council—Rev. Clyde L. Fields, Cyrus Shoffner.

We recommend the election of all the delegates nominated by the churches. If any churches have failed to nominate delegates we recommend that the Executive Committee elect same.

We recommend the election of a historian for this Conference, and nominate Rev. John Q. Pugh for the place.

We further recommend that the rule of this Conference for a two year term for President be suspended and the Dr. F. C. Lester be elected as president, as we feel the present conditions demand it.

G. H. VEAZEY, *Chairman,*
L. H. BRADY,
H. C. SMITH,
AMES FARLOW,
JOHN Q. PUGH,

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was submitted by Rev. J. Q. Pugh, chairman. Motion made that Item I of this report be amended to read "Conference Mission fund" instead of "C. M. A. fund." Adopted The report as amended was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

In taking an inventory of the work being done in our Conference for the past two years, there has been much improvement made throughout the Conference. Some churches have built new churches, some have built parsonages and have a full-time pastor. Others have caught the spirit of doing things, but for the lack of available funds have not done what they would like to do.

We are living in a ripidly changing world, and the people of this Conference are to be commended for what has been done. But there is a great need for more to be done. We need more churches built in new fields where there is no Congregational Christian Church.

We have a new church in progress at Siler City. Bailey's Grove has a building fund, and plans are being made for a new church which is so much needed in that fast developing area. Antioch (R) has built a new church. Pleasant Hill church has a committee working on plans for a new Sunday school plant. Their attendance has increased to the extent that they are crowded and need more room.

Your committee finds also that there are a number of churches without a pastor. The statistics for 1950 show that we have 4,200 members in this Conference. In

this fast changing world with things changing so rapidly there is a great need for more funds in order to expand.

Your committee wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That each member of the local churches of this Conference be asked to pay $1.00 per member into the Conference Mission Fund, above the regular C. M. A. membership fee, which will give us around $4,500.

2. Your committee also believes that a field representative would be helpful; therefore we recommend that a field represntative be added.

3. Due to the shortage of pastors we recommend where it is possible for churches to form a group.

4. That pastors urge their churches to pay their Conference Apportionments in full.

JOHN Q. PUGH, *Acting Chairman,*
ERNEST SCOTT,
MRS. QUINTON,
M. A. POLLARD.

Motion made that recommendation No. 1 of the report, asking for $1.00 per member, be not included in the statistical table of apportionments for this year. Adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Mrs. E. P. Burroughs, chairman. While this report was pending, an address was given by Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, his topic being "Our Christian World Missions." The report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our foreign mission work is one enterprise of our church work that is not understood by many of our church people.

They say, "Why send money and people to foreign lands when we need so much mission work at home?" They also say that only a small per cent of our money reaches the foreign fields. Jesus said, "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Again he said, "Ye shall be my witness unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Could we as Christians do less than obey his commands?

Since we cannot each go ourselves, we can help to send some one else, by giving a part of what God has given us. We can serve God only by serving man. The cost of missionary work has greatly increased. Have you increased your giving? Our missionaries need our prayers. Do we remember them in prayer?

We were delighted to have Rev. Edith Preusse, a missionary of our Board to India, speak in a number of our churches last winter. During this past year Rev. Richard Jackson has presented a picture of our mission work in China both through movies and preaching in several of our churches. Mrs. Richard Jackson spoke in our Asheboro Church. These representatives of our foreign mission work have helped us to see more clearly the needs of the world and how our Board is helping to meet them.

We recommend the following:

1. That our pastors preach and teach foreign missions in their churches.

2. That our people learn more about our missionaries and mission fields through hearing missionaries speak, and reading.

3. That we study the word of God to learn what he would have us do.

MRS. E. P. BOROUGHS, *Chairman,*
MRS. HORACE FARLOW,
W. G. LAMB,
WINFRED BRAY.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented by Rev. Clyde Fields, chairman, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Our world is beset with uncertainty and fear. There is unrest economically, politically, morally, and spiritually. Many voices are raised with messages of hope. Many of the voices have no basis for real hope. Yet many people are giving allegiance to false "messiahs" who promise a way out of darkness. Communism, secularism, and other isms are making disciples due to a promise of hope and a passion on the part of their "missionaries."

Would that Christians could match the passion for disciples that has marked the growth of communism. Would that the devotion to the cause of Christ would surpass the unswerving devotion to the principles of Communism as seen in its adherents. Would we could recapture the enthusiasm and zeal of the early Christian Church. Do we need persecution to stir us out of our lethargy?

The Christian has the message for this dark hour. It is no new ism. It is an old message. It is a powerful message in the hands of a devoted Christian. It is a message that in Christ there is real hope. It is a message that the "Son of Man is still seeking and saving the lost." It is a message that Christ still calls men who walk in darkness and sin to "see a great light." However, the message does not travel in a vacuum, it needs a medium of communication. We, followers of Christ, must indeed be "a light set on a hill." May God grant that our "lamps burn brightly" so that sinners in darkness may find through us "Him who is the Light."

Let us continue seasonal evangelism, Sunday school evangelism, visitation evangelism, personal witness, and other means of winning men to Christ.

CLYDE FIELDS, *Chairman,*
MRS. C. A. ALLRED,
MRS. SHERMAN MANESS,
J. C. PHILLIPS,
RALPH RIDDLE.

Rev. E. M. Carter, Secretary of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, closed the morning session with a prayer of thanksgiving.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 1:30 by President Lester. Prayer led by Rev. L. M. Presnell.

In the absence of the chairman, L. V. Dorsett, the report of the Committee on Superannuation was read by Mrs. F. C. Lester. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

Your committee on Superannuation has been rather inactive during the past year. However we have checked the reports of our churches for last year and find that ten out of 38 did not turn in one dime on our Superannuation Fund. We hope that someone in these churches will take time to tell their people just what the money is used for. I am sure that if they knew how happy it makes our retired ministers, and widows of ministers, to receive their checks from this fund they would put forth a greater effort to raise their part of this fund. We would like for our churches to remember our special Christmas offering that goes to our retired ministers. Please take this offering as near Christmas as you can and mail it to our board. We believe the people of our churches have been asked to do only a small thing for our retired ministers and widows, when we think about the years of service they have put in to our churches to help make them what they are today.

We hope that all of our churches will raise the Superannuation Apportionment

in full this year, so that our ministers and widows will not be disappointed when the time comes to receive their pension checks. They did not fail us, let us not fail them.

L. V. DORSET, *Chairman,*
J. U. FOGLEMAN,
J. Q. PUGH,
E. K. FREEMAN,

The report on Stewardship and Apportionments was submitted by Rev. T. D. Sutton, chairman, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS.

STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship has many definitions, but here is one that we like: "Stewardship is the management of things and affairs which belong to someone else, with the expectation of improvement." With this definition in mind, we can be sure that God has entrusted the management of our life, our time and our talents that they will become more useful in the building of the Kingdom of God.

We, your committee, realize that we need to become better managers of that which has been entrusted to our care. This calls for the educational side of Stewardship, as to the know-how to become better managers. There was a "Stewardship Clinic" held in Asheboro, October 10, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Jesse Dollar, who did a good job. One such meeting will not be able to teach the "hows" in Stewardship. Therefore, each church needs to be constantly at the job of teaching Stewardship and also needs to designate a certain time each year so there can be special emphasis put on this important matter. Therefore, we make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that at least one or two months of the year be designated in in each of the churches for the teaching of stewardship.
2. We recommend that during the year each church should order stewardship literature and distribute it to their people.

APPORTIONMENTS.

As we pay our apportionments, we have the privilege of sharing in the on-going of the Kingdom of God among our sister churches and a small part throughout the world.

Our apportionment has eleven children at the present time, and each one needs a share of the money which God has entrusted unto our management. It is the hope of your committee that not one of us would neglect any of these children and fail to give him his proper share of our finance.

Each one of these children of our apportionment is doing an important job in the Kingdom of God. We will not take the time to tell what each one is doing, but we will at this time tell a little about what our Home Missions is doing.

Our own Southern Convention Mission Board, which is receiving financial aid frrom the home mission fund, has and is assisting churches and groups of churches, so as to make it possible for them to have a pastor on their field. In one such group of churches, which the Mission Board has assisted for the last two years, fifty members have been added. To let you know that these churches have been growing toward self-support in those two years is the fact that this group received financial aid from the Mission Board in the amount of $576 on their pastor's salary the first year, and the second year asked for only $192, which they received.

Thanks be to our Lord that there are new churches being born into The Southern Convention, and again it is the home mission fund that has played a vital part in this important work.

From these facts, you can see that as you pay your home mission apportionment you have a part in helping your sister churches to have pastors in their fields, a part in receiving new members into other churches, and in helping to erect new churches.

We, your committee, are convinced that if you knew how much good our apportionments have done in the past, how much good they are doing today, and how much good they will do in the future, you would change your minds about apportionments.

Instead of "How little can we get by with?" we would all say, "How much more are we able to pay than we have been paying?"

There being a greater need for funds in our Conference, so that the Conference can do a more effective job, we have added an increase of $115 to our Conference Fund. As you look at your Apportionment Table, we trust that you will accept the little raise that has been allotted to you of this amount.

We recommend that each church pay its apportionment in full, and that each of you go back to your church and make a motion that your church increase your apportionments for the next conference year.

In addition to the regular apportionment, we recommend that each church engage in an effort to raise a minimum average of $1.00 per member for the Sustaining Fund for Elon College.

THOMAS D. SUTTON, *Chairman*,
VAUGHAN ALLEN,
SARAH ELLISON,
ARLON COBLE,
E. H. MARKS.

SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENT FOR 1951-52.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	The Christian Sun	Totals
Albemarle	$ 100	$ 100	$ 75	$ 75	$ 20	$ 20	$ 60	$ 5	$ 25	$ 40	$ 10	$ 530
Antioch (C)	25	25	20	25	10	10	25	5	10	10	5	170
Antioch (R)	25	25	10	10	10	5	10	5	5	5	5	115
Asheboro	100	125	50	50	20	20	30	5	10	40	10	460
Bailey's Grove	15	15	15	15	10	10	15	5	5	15	5	125
Bennett	15	15	15	15	10	10	15	5	5	10	5	120
Big Oak	50	50	40	40	20	20	35	5	10	25	5	300
Biscoe	15	15	10	10	10	10	10	5	5	10	5	105
Brown's Chapel	40	40	20	20	10	10	40	5	20	15	5	225
Center Grove	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	55
Ether	45	45	40	30	10	10	40	5	5	25	5	260
Flint Hill (M)	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	10	5	155
Flint Hill (R)	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	15	5	160
Grace's Chapel	60	60	50	50	20	20	40	5	20	35	5	365
Hank's Chapel	110	110	60	60	20	20	40	5	20	30	10	485
High Point	40	40	30	30	10	10	30	5	10	25	5	235
Liberty	50	50	30	35	10	10	30	5	10	25	10	265
Mt. Pleasant	30	30	25	25	10	10	30	5	5	15	10	195
Needham's Grove	35	35	20	20	10	10	30	5	10	25	10	210
New Center	30	30	20	25	10	10	25	5	10	20	10	195
Parks Cross Roads	30	30	20	20	10	10	25	5	20	20	5	195
Patterson's Grove	10	10	10	10	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	80
Pleasant Cross	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	5	5	15	10	170
Pleasant Grove	50	50	35	35	20	20	30	5	30	25	10	320
Pleasant Hill	125	125	75	75	35	40	70	5	25	55	10	640
Pleasant Ridge	120	120	65	65	20	20	60	5	15	65	10	565
Pleasant Union	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	5	5	25	10	180
Providence Chapel	15	15	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	80
Ramseur	100	100	60	60	20	20	40	5	15	30	10	460
Randleman	50	50	35	35	10	10	25	5	5	30	10	265
Seagrove	40	40	40	40	20	20	40	5	10	35	10	300
Shady Grove	25	25	20	20	5	5	20	5	10	10	5	150
Shiloh	40	40	35	35	10	10	25	5	10	20	5	235
Smithwood	50	50	45	40	10	10	40	5	20	30	10	310
Sophia	25	25	20	20	20	10	30	5	5	30	10	200
Spoon's Chapel	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	15	5	160
Union Grove	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	5	10	30	5	185
Zion	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	5	15	15	5	175
Totals	$1,645	$1,670	$1,140	$1,145	$ 485	$ 475	$1,090	$ 190	$ 415	$ 870	$ 275	$9,400

The report on Christian Education was submitted by Mrs. F. C. Lester, chairman. While the report was pending, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill spoke concerning Christian Education and the materials available for the work. The report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your committee has had one meeting—January 21, 1951—with two members present. At that time we planned two things: (1) To request the young people of the churches of this Conference to share in their church's program on Elon College Sunday and (2) To have three leadership training schools last spring. The latter were not held as it was impossible to fit them into Miss Coghill's schedule then.

However, your committee is delighted to report that two such schools are now being planned at two of the places we suggested. Seagrove will have a leadership training school beginning on November 11. Pleasant Ridge will have a training school the first week in December. Mr. Sutton and Mr. Fields are being asked to make announcements concerning these schools immediately following this report.

Last year this committee recommended that we work alone six lines in the Mid-Century Advance in Christian Education in this Conference. Let us see if we are making any progress:

1. The attitude toward *Elon College* is definitely more friendly than it used to be in this Conference. This was the first step needed. Students and money are following. We are delighted that three of the students who will be in Elon College this year from this Conference are ministerial students: Winfred Bray, Bill Simmons, and Max Vestal. Reports will show how well we have done in paying our apportionment for Elon College.

2. We need to cooperate with the *Board of Christian Education* and with Miss Coghill in particular. Again reports will show how well we have done in paying our apportionment. Miss Coghill has assisted with the Pilgrim Fellowship Rallies and by working with individual churches. She is planning to teach in our area soon in the two above-mentioned schools.

3. Better *training of Sunday school teachers* is something we need to work on. The goals adopted by the Sunday School Convention call for teacher training in each church each year. We hope the report next year will show great progress in this field. The two schools mentioned above are a good beginning.

4. Better *support* of *summer conference* and *training schools*. Here is another area in which we need to work. Too few of our young people attend summer camps. Often when training schools have been set up, few people have attended.

5. *Vacation Bible Schools* are being held in more and more of our churches each summer. Here we are progressing. Pleasant Union was one added to the list this year.

6. Use of our own *denominational literature* is on the increase, rather than the decrease, but the increase is very slow. Pleasant Ridge is planning to begin using it January 1.

We recommend continued work in all of these six fields during the coming year.

MRS. F. C. LESTER, *Chairman,*
C. FRED ALLRED,
FLOSSIE BRAY,
STACEY HAYES,
MRS. W. T. SHANKLE.

The report on the Sunday School Convention was submitted by S. H. Pell, chairman, and on motion received and admitted to record.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The time has arrived for you to be informed to some extent as to the work that has been done in the Sunday School Convention. This year we tried something new and it was successful—the Superintendents' Meeting. Here we made a study of the

Sunday school, its problems, what it should be doing, how it should be planned, how operated, etc. Please note that there were 22 churches represented.

The annual session of the Sunday School Convention of the Western North Carolina Conference met with the Pleasant Grove Church, July 10, 1951, with 19 churches represented. We were glad to welcome 13 ministers, 11 visitors and 228 delegates, making a total of 252 in attendance.

The theme of The Convention was "The Sunday School in the Light of the Church of Tomorrow." We are sure that those on the program made the day one to remember. It was an inspiration to those of us who were present.

Reports were received from 22 churches and from these reports we see much progress being made in the Sunday school. We note that some of our churches are building new rooms or remodeling, which indicates growth and a community pride.

The Convention has a new committee known as the Planning Committee, the members of which are Rev. Clyde Fields, chairman; Rev. T. D. Sutton, Gillis Luck, W. W. Thomas, Mrs. C. L. Allen, and Mrs. F. C. Lester. Some of the work of this committee should be in the hands of the local church, namely, the *standard of excellence.* I would like to include in this report the ten goals that they have set up for a standard Sunday school. I feel that if we will at least try to reach these goals we will have a better Sunday school.

1. Superintendent begin Sunday school on time with officers and teachers present to assist him.
2. Secure average attendance of a least 75 per cent each Sunday and increase enrollment each year.
3. Provide teacher training each yeear.
4. Conduct meetings of officers and teachers each quarter.
5. Observe special days: Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Children's Day, Promotion Day, and Thanksgiving.
6. Attend superintendents' and assistant superintendents' meeting and other helpful meetings.
7. Have a vacation Bible school each year.
8. Promote stewardship in the school through testimony, literature, worship, and study.
9. Send required delegates and dues to Sunday School Convention each year.
10. Promote the use of *The Christian Sun* and *Advance* and study our own Congregational Christian denomination.

We will reach these ten goals if we all work together.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. W. Thomas, president, Seagrove; J. J. Riddle, vice-president, Hank's Chapel; Mrs. Orva Brown, secretary, Asheboro; Mrs. Jack Shoffner, assistant secretary, Liberty.

The Pleasant Ridge Congregational Christian Church will be host to The Convention on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1952.

S. H. PELL.

The Committee on Religious Literature did not submit a report.

Chairman J. A. Denton submitted the report on Ministerial and Church Relations, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

The vital relationship of all Christians is taught in the Scriptures in these passages: "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ, for by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" (I Cor. 12:12, 13) "And whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, and one member be honored all the members rejoice with it." (I Cor. 12:26).

We recommend that the pastors and ministers and all Christian workers at all times, and places, and under all conditions, whether visiting in a sister church, in

the home, or wherever associated with other Christians, remember effectively the above quotation of teaching, namely, "That we are all members of the body of Christ, and whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored all the members rejoice with it."

J. A. DENTON, *Chairman,*
C. B. BREWER,
REX P. OVERMAN,
H. L. BEANE.

Rev. L. M. Presnell, chairman, submitted the following report on Church Grouping:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH GROUPING.

The committee has had two meetings during the year, for the purpose of studying the locations of churches and to hear reports.

We feel that there is a better understanding on what church grouping means throughout the Conference. We commend the churches that have already organized into groups. These are

1. Seagrove, Ether, Shady Grove.
2. Pleasant Ridge, Union Grove, Spoon's Chapel.
3. Sophia, Flint Hill (R), Bailey's Grove.

Randleman and Pleasant Union have been working together. The new work at Siler City has been in connection with the Liberty Church. If the reports to your committee are correct, we have within the Conference four full-time churches: Albemarle, Asheboro, Hight Point, Pleasant Hill. We have three organized groups, Seagrove, Pleasant Ridge and Sophia, all having parsonages, with pastors living in the field. Randleman, Hank's Chapel, and Liberty each have parsonage and the pastor lives on the field. There are other churches considering building parsonages.

We believe the progress of our Conference depends very much on the church people working together with their own church and also working together with other churches, and forming groups when possible so that pastors can live in the field. They could thus render a much greater service and this would solve much of the problem of churches being without pastors.

There are some churches now on half time and several small rural churches that could be set up in groups if they would get together. Therefore we make the following resolutions:

1. That pastors in every church take this matter up with their people for study.
2. That there be a committee from each church to study and work with the other nearby churches.
3. That laymen, women's missionary societies, young people's groups, set aside some time during the year to discuss the possibility of grouping.
4. That you call on your Conference committee whenever you think they can be of any service.

L. M. PRESNELL, *Chairman,*
LUNNIE BUBGESS,
CHARLIE KEY,
J. H. REGISTER,
W. W. RITTER,
PAUL WILSON,
DAVID CHRISCOE.

The report on Moral Reform, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, chairman, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

We, your Committee on Moral Reform, believe that if such a committee has a real place in our church program it should, when accepted by the Conference receive active as well as passive acceptance; that its recommendations, when adopted, should be exercised rather than merely given space in our church record.

We believe that these reports should include reports of the past year's activities as well as recommendations for the following year's work. Inasmuch as we truly believe that the church has a most vital responsibility in the moral condition of the world, we recommend:

1. That our church as a whole show more active concern over the social problems of our day, and that each local church in its own way work to correct or improve moral conditions in its particular community.

2. That a report of such action and success—small or great—be made available to the Committee on Moral Reform to be included in the committee's report for 1952.

3. That we as representatives of the various churches in our Conference resolve to take more seriously than ever before the recommendations presented by the committee; accepting and doing our best to carry out those which we deem beneficial, and striking out those which we consider worthless or impractical.

MRS. B. P. MOFFITT, *Chairman,*
T. B. LOWE,
B. H. LOWDERMILK,
W. C. THOMAS,

Mrs. Glenn White reported that no church had asked for Conference next year. It was, therefore, left in the hands of the Executive Committee to select the place.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted by W. H. Freeman, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury at close of last Conference		$ 577.96
RECEIPTS.		
Southern Convention for legal service		150.00
Pleasant Ridge, for Siler City work		58.00
C. M. A., Jack Shoffner, Treasurer		300.00
Rev. Robert Lee House		2.00
From Churches, to November 5, 1951		465.00
Total balance and receipts to November 5, 1951		$1,552.96
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Rev. E. Carl Brady, Home Missions, Flint Hill (M) Church	$ 100.00	
Rev. John Q. Pugh, Home Missions, Bennett Church	50.00	
Dr. Douglas Horton, expense to Conference	10.00	
North Carolina Council of Churches	75.00	
Dr. F. C. Lester, expense for printing	15.00	
Rev. M. A. Pollard, salary and postage	35.00	
W. H. Freeman, salary and postage	10.00	
Attorneys Long & Long, for legal service	152.00	
George Colclough, certificates of ordination and licensure	5.00	
Long & Long, balance for legal service	200.00	
Prem & King, for receipt books	4.60	
For rent, Siler City building	560.00	
Southern Convention Office for ANNUALS, Geo. Colclough, Treasurer	188.47	
		1,405.07
Balance in Treasury, November 5, 1951		$ 147.89
Receipts during this Conference, November 7, 8, 1951		112.00
Grand Total		$ 259.89

W. H. FREEMAN, *Treasurer.*

The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The chairman of the Finance Committee, I. L. McDowell, reported:

The Finance Committee has examined the Treasurer's Report and finds the same to be correct.

We leave it in the hands of the Executive Committee of Conference to recommend such payments of funds and expenses as are customary for Conference to pay.

On motion this report was adopted. The Treasurer's Report was then adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was submitted by Rev. W. T. Madren, chairman. This report was taken up item by item and voted as such. The report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We recommend:

1. That we extend our appreciation to the pastor and people of the Hank's Chapel Christian Church for the fine way in which they have entertained Conference, by a rising vote of thanks.

2. That we extend our appreciation to Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher for his inspiring and challenging messages that he has brought us, and also to the Convention officials, President Stevens, Dr. Truitt, Dr. Smith, Dr. House, for the messages and information they have brought us regarding our Convention and its institutions.

3. That we commend the Program Committee for the fine program of this 81st session of the Western North Carolina Conference, and also Dr. F. C. Lester for the marvelous way in which he presided as chairman and the officers for their marvelous spirit of cooperation and the work they have done toward our Mid-Century Advance.

4. That the Executive Committee be authorized to study the possibilities of a Conference radio program, and, if it is found to be advisable and possible, that a radio commission to be set up to advise and be responsible for said program.

5. That we commend Brother Presnell and his co-worker, Winfred Bray, for the fine work they are doing at Siler City in the organization of a church there. We further recommend that work be continued there beyond May 31, 1952, if advisable, and that the Executive Committee continue with the work in the way that they deem advisable.

6. Whereas, we belive in the separation of church and state, and are so guaranteed this right by the constitution of the U. S., and whereas an appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican would be a violation of this right and a violation of the spirit of religious freedom guaranteed us by the constitution:

Be it resolved that the 81st session of the Western North Carolina Conference go on record as opposing the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and that letters be sent to President Truman and Senators Clyde Hoey and Willis Smith expressing our view regarding said appointment. And that members of our churches be urged to write similar letters to our Senators.

7. Whereas, the proposed program of Universal Military Training is a violation of our American democratic way of life and contrary to Christian principals; thereas the proposed UMT would indoctrinate, unecessarily, our young men and would tend to convert our country to a militaristic state and thus undermine our democracy; and whereas heretofore our military forces have been adequately supplied by Selective Service Systems:

Be it resolved that this session of Conference go on record as opposing the proposed UMT, and a letter be sent to President Truman and Senators Clyde Hoey and Willis Smith expressing our view, and that members of our churches be urged to write similiar letters to the N. C. Senators.

8. We recommend that the Executive Committee approve unread minutes of the Conference and that the minutes be mimeographed and sent to ministers and churches of this Conference at Conference expense.

The Executive Committee of Conference was authorize by vote of Conference to have the Minutes of this session mimeographed and sent to all churches of Conference.

The flowers bought and used for the memorial service to Rev. Ben Joe Earp were by vote of Conference sent to the family of the deceased with our sympathy.

Motion made to have minutes printed in THE ANNUAL and we purchase 150 copies. This motion was amended to purchase 150 copies if ready by March 15, otherwise the number of copies to be reduced to 75. Motion adopted.

Motion adopted directing the secretary of Conference to send a letter to each of the ministers who were unable to attend Conference: Dr. G. O. Lankford, Revs. D. R. Moffitt, T. J. Green and Park W. Fisher.

The secretary and president of Conference were authorized by vote of conference to complete the minutes of this session.

The closing devotional service was led by Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, who closed the final session with prayer.

Adjourned to meet on Wednesday and Thursday after the first Sunday in November, 1952, at a place to be selected by the Executive Committee.

F. C. LESTER, *President.*
M. A. POLLARD, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—Rev. F. C. Lester, Rev. M. A. Pollard, I. L. McDowell, Rev. Clyde Fields, Rev. W. T. Madren, S. H. Pell, Cyrus Shoffner.

Home Missions—Rev. John Q. Pugh, L. H. Brady, Mrs. E. P. Boroughs, Mrs. Sherman Maness, Paul Wilson.

Foreign Missions—Rev. L. M. Presnell, Rev. L. B. Burgess, Mrs. Clyde Fields, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, Rev. Max. Vestal.

Evangelism—Rev. R. T. Grissom, Avery Brown, Rev. H. V. Cox, Rev. J. U. Fogleman, N. L. Rumley.

Stewardship and Apportionments—Rev. Clyde Fields, H. L. Beane, E. H. Cole, Miss Sarah Ellison, Mrs. T. L. McDowell.

Ministry—Rev. Carl Brady, Rev. Clyde Fields, Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, Rev. W. T. Madren, Rev. G. H. Veazey.

Christian Education—Bill simmons, Miss Flossie Bray, Miss Lola Farlow, Mrs. L. A. Morgan, W. W. Thomas.

Literature—Rev. Winfred Bray, Mrs. Ralph Foushee, Stacy Hayes, Mrs. Quinton Hicks, Edgar Freeman.

Superannuation—Arthur Cox, J. A. Caviness, L. M. Murray, Harvey Smith.

Ministerial and Church Relations—Rev. G. H. Veazey, Paul Britt, L. V. Dorsett, Roland Farrell, Mrs. O. T. Wicker.

Moral Reform—Rev. L. M. Fogleman, C. B. Brewer, E. M. Marks, G. A. Russel, C. W. Wicker.

Church Grouping—Rev. T. D. Sutton, Von Allen, Richard Brewer, Alton Richardson, W. W. Ritter, Ernest Scott.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Allred, C. Fred—Churches served: Pleasant Grove, Needham's Grove, Biscoe. Sermons, 121; members received, 36; conversions, 35; baptisms, 27; salary, $1,865.01. Field next year: New Lebanon, Mt. Zion, Kallam Grove, N. C. & Va. Conference.

Brady, E. Carl—Church served: Flint Hill (M).

Cox, H. V.—Churches served: Brown's Chapel, New Center. Sermons, 41; conversions, several; baptisms, 6; members received, 10.

Fields, Clyde L.—Churches served: Pleasant Ridge, Spoon's Chapel, Union Grove. Sermon, 96; conversions, 41; members received, 24; baptisms, 14; weddings, 5; funerals, 4; salary, $2,600.00.

Fogleman, M. L.—Churches served: Morrisville, O'Kelly Chapel, Martha's Chapel. Sermons, 57; conversions, unknown; members received, 8; baptisms, 3; salary, $720.00. Field next year: Pleasant Cross, Needham's Grove.

Fogleman, J. U.—Church served: Providence Chapel. Sermons, 25; conversions, 6; funerals, 2; salary, $433.55. Field next year: Providence Chapel.

Fisher, Park W.—Retired.

Green, T. J.—Retired.

Hall, Walter W.—Churches served: Albemarle until June, Carlisle, Mass, since June. Sermons, 115; conversions, none; members received, 9; baptisms, 2; salary, $2-558.47. Field next year: Carlisle, Mass.

Lankford, G. O.—Retired.

Lowdermilk, B. H.—Churches served: Randleman, Union. Sermons, 215; conversions, 12; members received, 12; weddings, 8; funerals, 26; salary, $2,025.66. Field next year: Randleman, Pleasant Union.

Lucas A. L.—No Church. Sermons preached, 30; conversions, 10; weddings, 2; funerals, 3.

Lester, F. C.—Church served: Asheboro.

Madren, W. T.—Churches served: Sophia, Flint Hill (R), Bailey's Grove. Sermons, 102; conversions, 24; baptisms, 17; members received, 28; weddings, 3; funerals, 2; salary, $2,440.00. Field next year: Sophia, Flint Hill, Bailey's Grove.

Moffitt, D. R.—Retired.

Pugh, J. Q.—Church served: Bennett. Sermons, 30; conversions, 3; weddings, 2; funerals, 3; salary, $192.90.

Presnell, L. M.—Churches served: Liberty, Siler City. Sermons, 81; convesions, 8; members received, 10; baptisms, 2; weddings, 1; funerals, 4; salary, $1,380.00. Field next year: same.

Pollard, M. A.—Church served: Pleasant Hill. Sermons, 78; conversions, 4; baptisms, 4; members received, 8; salary, $2,250.00.

Sutton, T. D.—Churches served: Ether, Seagrove, Shady Grove. Sermons, 120; conversions, 18; baptisms, 22; members received, 22; weddings, 2; funerals, 8; salary, $2,446.00. Field next year: same.

Veazey, Guy H.—Church served: High Point. Sermons, 106; conversions, 1; baptisms, 1; members received, 6; weddings, 3; funerals, 9; salary, $2,640.00. Field next year: same.

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TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the First Congregational Christian Church, Reidsville, N. C., November 13 and 14, 1951, and was called to order by President S. C. Harrell, at 10:00 a. m.

The hymn and prayer were led by Rev. Bland A. Leebrick.

The roll of Ministers and Churches was called and a quorum was found present. The complete enrollment for the session included nineteen ordained ministers and one hundred fourteen delegates, representing forty-four of the forty-seven churches of the Conference, as follows:

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, T. F. Bowers, H. P. Bozarth, G. C. Crutchfield, Stanley C. Harrell, Tucker G. Humphries, B. A. Leebrick, J. L. Neese, K. D. Register, F. E. Reynolds, H. E. Robinson, W. W. Sloan, W. P. Smith, W. W. Snyder, M. T. Sorrell, M. V. Welch, W. E. Wisseman, R. T. Woodruff.

Licentiates—Rosser Lee Clapp, Grady Julius Rice, W. A. Rich, I. T. Underwood, Lester Stanley.

Local Conference Ordination—E. J. Clawson, J. R. Lackey, P. H. Ricketts.

Churches and Delegates.

Apple's Chapel—Mrs. Vester Ingold, Mrs. R. M. Cooke, Mark I Thomas, Mrs. R. E. Apple.

Asheville—Roy W. Hawkins, F. F. Dodd.

Belew Creek—Mrs. H. C. Murray, Mrs. Clyde Koon.

Berea—Mrs. W. S. Franks, Mrs. Luther Iseley.

Bethel—Mrs. Joe H. King, Mrs. J. M. Hurdle, Abner Fitch.

Bethlehem—Mrs. C. H. Gilliam, Mrs. Roy Kernodle, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brown.

Burlington:

Beverly Hills—Mrs. R. T. Woodruff.

First—Mrs. Harold Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Truitt, Mrs. J. V. Simpson.

Carolina—Mrs. Cora Dickey, Mrs. Ealer Murray.

Concord—Mrs. Edgar Simmons, Mrs. W. P. Allred.

Danville—Mrs. D. W. Marshall, Mrs. H. W. Fowler, Mrs. A. E. Rice.
Durham—Mrs. J. E. Harward, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Estes, Mrs. S. L. Mauldin.
Elk Spur—By letter.
Elon College—Mrs. J. G. Truitt, Mrs. W. T. Scott.
Gibsonville—C. R. Wicker, Mrs. J. Lester Stanley, Mrs. P. B. Robbins.
Graham, Providence Memorial—G. L. Smith, Mrs. O. J. Stuckey.
Greensboro:
Calvary—Mrs. Leo Williams, Mrs. W. C. Upchurch, Mrs. Minerva Parks.
First—Mrs. O. H. Paris, M. T. Garren, Mrs. N. L. Hilliard, S. D. Scott.
Palm Street—Mrs. P. R. Hall, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. C. F. Vanstory, Mack Fulp.
Happy Home—Mrs. Wm. Sapaugh, A. J. Martin, Jr., Theodosia Carter, Mrs. R. J. Hudson.
Haw River—Pearl Smith, Mrs. J. C. Wilkins.
Hebron—C. T. Chandler, Kent Rice.
Hines Chapel—Mrs. J. W. Iseley, Mrs. R. W. Iseley, J. W. Barker.
Hopedale—Mrs. John Love, Mrs. W. I. Faulkner.
Howard's Chapel—Not represented.
Ingram—Mrs. H. W. Dunn, Mrs. J. K. Landrum, L. E. Carlton.
Kallam's Grove—Mrs. Ralph McCollum, Mrs. M. M. Joyner.
Lebanon—F. E. Wells, Mrs. F. E. Wells.
Liberty—C. S. Wilkins, J. S. Tuck.
Long's Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnette.
Mebane—R. L. Clapp.
Monticello—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dixon.
Mt. Bethel—E. W. Simpson, Walter Shelton.
Mt. Zion—Mrs. John Holt, Jule Pace, Zeb Lynch.
New Lebanon—J. I. Sharpe, Mrs. J. L. Sharpe, Mrs. C. K. Webb.
Pfafftown—Mrs. T. S. Scott, Mrs. Julius Franklin.
Pleasant Grove—Bessie H. Ragland, Mrs. Bertha Ragland.
Pleasant Ridge—Leslie Crutchfield, Mrs. Callie Huffine.
Reidsville, First—Marian Foust, Mrs. D. E. Mitchell, J. L. Wray, J. B. Underwood.
Rocky Ford—Not represented.
Salem Chapel—Mrs. Joe Marshall, Mrs. John Crews.
Shallow Ford—Boyd Tickell, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker, C. J. Truitt.
Tryon, Congregational Church of Christ—O. H. White, R. C. Falconer.
Union (N. C.)—W. H. Garrison, Mrs. J. R. Walker, Mrs. W. P. Mahan, Mrs. Van Bowman.
Union (Va.)—Reams Long, Mrs. G. W. Pollard, Mrs. Ethel Dunkley, Mrs. Lorene Nelson.
Winston-Salem, United—J. A. Ingram.
Zion—Mrs. R. L. Clapp.

Rev. T. F. Bowers presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. It was moved and carried that the printed program

be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as Conference may find it necessary to make.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, gave approval, on January 22, 1951, to the Greensboro, Palm Street Church, to borrow $20,000 from the Gate City Savings and Loan Association to complete their building program. A copy of the resolution is as follows:

Be It Resolved by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference in session on this the 22nd day of January, 1951, that the Palm Street Congregational Christian Church be and is hereby authorized to borrow from Gate City Savings and Loan Association the sum of Twenty Thousand ($20,000.00) Dollars, and that the officers of this Conference be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute deed of trust on the church property, to-wit, the same property that is described in deed of trust recorded in Book 1359, at page 104 et seq., office of Register of Deeds of Guilford County, N. C., in the sum of $20,000.00, and also to execute note to accompany said deed of trust, all of said papers to be in form as required by said Association; and out of the proceeds of said loan the officers of said Palm Street Church are authorized, empowered and directed to pay to said Gate City Savings and Loan Association the balance due on the present $10,000.00 deed of trust and cause the same to be cancelled of record; and said Association is authorized and empowered to pay the net proceeds from said loan to the proper officer or officers of said Palm Street Church and said Association will not be charged with responsibility for application of the proceeds from said loan; and the officers of this Conference and the officers of said Palm Street Church are authorized, empowered and directed to subscribe to stock in said Association and to pledge insurance on said property, and to agree to payments on stock in said Association and re-payments on said loan in such manner and upon such terms as the said Association may require; and said officers of this Conference and of said church are authorized and empowered to do any and everything necessary in the premises or required by said Association to effectuate said loan.

I, W. J. Andes, Secretary of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, do hereby certify that the foregoing is an exact and true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference at a meeting held on the 22nd day of January, 1951, at Elon College, North Carolina, which meeting was attended by a quorum of the members of said Committee and was regularly called and held.

Witness my hand and seal of said Conference this the 22nd day of January, 1951.

WILLIAM J. ANDES,
(SEAL) *Secretary.*

On March 12, 1951, in session at Elon College, the following action was taken concerning the Lynchburg Church:

1. It was moved and voted that we approve the sale of the Lynchburg Church property under the conditions set forth in the document prepared by Long and Long, Attorneys, as follows, and we as officers affix our signatures thereto:

   NORTH CAROLINA,
   ALAMANCE COUNTY.

   Know All Men by These Presents that the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches in session at Shallow Ford Congregational Christian Church, near Elon College, North Carolina, on November 15, 1950, after consideration and discussion of the proposed sale of the real property belonging to the Trustees of The First Congregational Christian Church in Lynchburg, Virginia, approved and consented to the sale of the said Lynchburg, Virginia, Church Property to the Trustees of Chestnut Hill Methodist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, upon condition that from the proceeds of such sale, said North Carolina and Virginia Conference be paid the sum of Eleven Thousand and no|100 ($11,000.00) Dollars in cash for its

equity and interest in the said church property, and that at said session of said Conference, the Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches was duly authorized and empowered to act for the Conference in giving consent for such disposition of said property in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part II of the Manual of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, and that said Executive Committee pursuant to such authorization executes this instrument.

Now, Therefore, the said North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches, acting by and through its Executive Committee, as aforesaid, doth hereby consent to the sale of the church property, title to which is vested in the Trustees of the First Congregational Christian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, to the Trustees of Chestnut Hill Methodist Church of Lynchburg, Virginia, provided and upon the condition that the sum of Eleven Thousand and No|100 ($11,000.00) Dollars in cash be paid to the Executive Committee of said Conference in payment for its interest and equity in said church property.

In Testimony Whereof, the said Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches, which committee is composed of S. C. Harrell, Thurman F. Bowers and W. J. Andes, hath executed this indenture by each of the members of said Executive Committee setting his hand and seal hereto.

This 12th day of March, 1951.

STANLEY C. HARRELL, (Seal)
Chairman,
THURMAN F. BOWERS, (Seal)
Vice-Chairman,
W. J. ANDES, (Seal)
Secretary.

2. It was moved and voted that our attorney have the check for $11,000.00 drawn to Russell V. Powell, Treasurer, the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

3. It was moved and voted that Russell V. Powell, Treasurer, the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, be authorized to remit the money received from the sale of the Lynchburg Church property to the Treasurer of the Mission Board of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, and that we ask the Mission Board to allocate the Conference's pro-rata share of said proceeds to the benefit of the churches of this Conference.

On March 12, 1951, we also approved the following recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry:

> We, your Committee on the Ministry of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, recommend that Rev. Edgar J. Clawson, pastor of Long's Chapel Congregational Christian Church and an ordained minister of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church, be received as a Conference ordained minister on the condition that he enroll at Elon College at the winter quarter, 1951, and pursue his studies to graduation, and that the Ministerial Scholarship Fund make a grant of $100.00 per year for his school expenses.

On March 12, 1951, after having received a letter from the Calvary Christian Church in Greensboro desiring membership in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, it was moved and voted that the Calvary Church of Greensboro be received and enrolled in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches and that Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. W. J. Andes and the pastor, Rev. T. F. Bowers, be the committee to arrange for a "Service of Recognition" of the church's entrance into the Conference.

This service was held April 8, 1951, at 8 p. m., with 12 of our churches being represented by delegates and 11 churches sending greetings by letter.

On April 9, 1951, your Executive Committee voted the following:

1. That Sammy Nelson, of LaGrange, Georgia, be enrolled in the Biblical Class of this Conference upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry and upon a letter of recommendation from Dr. David W. Shepherd.
2. That Herman Johnson, a member of the Calvary Congregational Christian Church in Greensboro, be enrolled in the Biblical Class of this Conference upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry and upon a letter of recommendation from Rev. T. F. Bowers.
3. That we approve the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry for the licensure of Mr. John Graves, deleting the portion of the recommendation of the committee which reads, "with view to ordination as a minister of education."

It was the view of the Executive Committee that it was not in a position to commit the Conference to ordination on the condition apecified, except upon the approval of the Conference in session. Mr. Graves was licensed July 6, 1951, at Elon College, N. C.

May 14, 1951, your committee approved the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry to ordain Bland A. Leebrick to the full gospel ministry on Sunday, June 3, 1951. Those serving on the ordaining presbytery were: D. J. Bowden, L. E. Smith, W. T. Scott, W. E. Wisseman and S. C. Harrell.

Also on May 14, 1951, we approved the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry that a letter of transfer of ministerial standing be granted Rev. James B. Allan to the Naugatuck Valley Association of the Connecticut Conference.

Your committee, after having received a letter from the Beverly Hills Community Church, Burlington, N. C., stating their desire to have membership in this Conference, voted, June 29, 1951, the reception of said church to membership in this Conference.

On page 141 of the 1950 ANNUAL, the secretary of the Conference was asked to drop the Ivy Hill Church from the roll of churches in the Conference if no organized church were found there. Your secretary, under the advisement of the Executive Committee and the pastor of the Carroll County churches in Virginia, has dropped the Ivy Hill Church as of this conference session.

The changing of the name of the Conference, as recommended by your Executive Committee last year, has been hindered somewhat by technical legal difficulties. This matter will be continued for further investigation and consideration.

S. C. HARRELL,
T. F. BOWERS,
W. J. ANDES,
Executive Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was presented as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury from last report			$ 694.52
1950	*Receipts.*		
Nov. 20	Lebanon	$ 14.00	
	Concord	23.00	
	Pfaftown	16.00	
24	Union (N. C.)	37.00	
Dec. 8	Mt. Zion	15.00	
	Durham	70.00	
	Union (Va.)	21.00	
	Ingram	30.00	
	Hebron	2.00	
	Bethel	8.00	
	Mebane	9.00	
	Apple's Chapel	25.00	

		Bethlehem	21.00	
		Elon College Community	50.00	
	15	Reidsville	36.00	
		Lynchburg	16.00	
1951				
Feb.	2	Winston-Salem	23.00	
Mar.	1	Tryon—Erskine Memorial	21.00	
Apr.	9	Settlement, Sale of Lynchburg Church	11,000.00	
	18	Hopedale	13.00	
May	3	Ingram	30.00	
June	5	Shallow Ford (Conv. office check)	4.50	
July	20	Pleasant Ridge	13.00	
Aug.	31	Carolina	13.00	
Sept.	11	Concord	15.00	
	15	Mt. Zion	15.00	
	22	Haw River	21.00	
	28	Asheville	10.00	
Oct.	4	Shallow Ford (Con. check)	4.50	
	24	Union (Va.)	21.00	
	29	Zion	5.00	
		Pleasant Grove	18.00	
		Greensboro, First	56.00	
	31	Union (N. C.)	37.00	
		Greensboro, Palm Street	15.00	
Nov.	5	Apple's Chapel	25.00	
		Durham	70.00	
		Providence Memorial	12.00	
	6	Long's Chapel	16.00	
		Happy Home	22.00	
	7	Liberty (Va.)	15.00	
	9	Salem Chapel	12.00	
				11,900.00
		Total Receipts and Balance		$ 12,594.52

		Disbursements.		
1950				
Nov.	27	Draft No. 236—W. J. Andes, services and expenses	$ 75.00	
		Draft No. 237—N. C. Council of Churches, support	300.00	
		Draft No. 238—Va. Council of Churches, support	75.00	
		Draft No. 239—Rev. Duane Vore, expenses	15.00	
		Draft No. 240—Dr. Douglas Horton, expenses	15.00	
		Draft No. 241—Dr. F. C. Lester, expenses	10.00	
		Draft No. 242—Dr. W. T. Scott, Dr. Horton's exp.	7.55	
		Draft No. 243—W. F. Walker, Laymen's Fellowship	50.00	
Dec.	8	Draft No. 244—Miss Mary Wisseman, Pilgrim Fellowship	50.00	
	12	Bank Charges	.15	
	28	Draft No. 245—Treasurer So. Convention, Ordination Certificates	5.00	
Mar.	6	Draft No. 246—W. J. Andes, postage	3.25	
Apr.	10	Draft No. 247—Mission Board, So. Convention, on Sale of Lynchburg Church	11,000.00	
May	14	Bank Charges	1.00	
	15	Draft No. 248—C. M. A., support	300.00	
Sept.	15	Draft No. 249—Board of Publications, ANNUALS	227.79	
				12,134.74
		Balance on Deposit, Security National Bank		$ 459.78

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL V. POWELL, *Treasurer.*

The report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following visitors and new pastors were introduced to the Conference and accorded the privileges of the floor: W. T. Dunn, C. Fred Allred, C. O. Koon, A. D. Stauffacher, F. C. Lester, W. T. Scott, Pattie Lee Coghill, W. T. Madren, R. L. House, W. M. Stevens, O. H. White, Morton Kurtz, L. E. Smith, R. C. Falconer and J. H. Hilliard.

The president appointed the following special committees:

Finance—Same as Committee on Budget and Apportionments.
Place—B. A. Leebrick, Mrs. R. E. Apple, Mrs. R. W. Iseley.
Resolutions—H. E. Robinson, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. R. T. Woodruff, Mrs. H. C. Murray, Egbert Truitt.
Collectors—Supt. W. T. Scott for Convention Funds, R. V. Powell for Conference Fund.
Press—W. T. Scott, T. G. Humphries, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, R. L. House.
Nominations—W. P. Smith, W. H. Garrison, Mrs. D. E. Mitchell, W. E. Walker, G. D. Colclough.

The Committee on Budget and Apportionments presented the first reading of its report.

Supt. W. T. Scott presented the "Proposed Group Insurance Plan" for pastors, full-time church employees and their dependents.

The plan for pastors is as follows:

GROUP INSURANCE PLAN FOR PASTORS ONLY.

Minister's Benefits.

(Through The Home Life Insurance Co. of New York.)

Life Insurance	$2,000.00
Accidental Death and Dismemberment, additional	2,000.00
Maximum Daily Hospital Benefits	7.00
Maximum Special Services Expense	70.00
Maximum Surgical Benefits	200.00

The Cost.

Per Year, approximately	$ 49.44

How Plan is to be Financed.

It is suggested that the Conference pay the pastor's total costs at the rate of approximately $49.44 per pastor by providing a Conference Insurance Fund per capita in the apportionments, amounting to 13 cents per member. This is based upon a membership of 10,193, which at 13 cents per member will provide a fund of $1,325.06. There are 25 pastors, at $49.44, requiring the sum of $1,236.00.

The Conference voted unanimously to adopt the plan for pastors and referred the plan to the Committee on Budget and Apportionments for inclusion in the Conference Fund of the apportionments. The part of the plan referring to full-time church employees and dependents of ministers was left to the individual person or church for action.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on the Ministry, are deeply concerned over the shortage of ministers, both in this Conference and the Convention as a whole. The number of young men entering the ministry today in our church is on the decrease. Our churches and pastors should seek by all possible means to encourage some of the young men in our churches to consider the ministry as their life work. Let us pray

earnestly that the Lord may call forth from our own fellowship worthy preachers of the Gospel.

We offer the following recommendations relative to ministerial personnel:

1. *Brother Julius Rice*, a senior at Elon and pastor of Monticello and Hines Chapel churches, is doing a fine piece of work, both at Elon College and in his churches. It is recommended that his licensure be continued.

2. *Brother Allen Hurdle* has accepted a call to the Holy Neck pastorate in Eastern Virginia and requests a letter of transfer for his ministerial standing. It is recommended that he be granted a letter of transfer from this Conference to the Eastern Virginia Congrgational Christian Conference.

3. *Brother Clyde Koon*, now serving Salem Chapel and Belew Creek churches in this Conference, requests that his ministerial standing be transferred from the Valley of Virginia Conference to this Conference. It is recommended that he be received and enrolled as an elder in this Conference.

4. *Brother John Bowers* has been working as a supply pastor under Brother Thurman Bowers' supervision. Brother Bowers is an ordained elder in the Nazarene Church, but would like to become a recognized minister in our church. He has been called to Smithwood, a church in the Western North Carolina Conference, but is withholding his acceptance of this call until he is a recognized minister in our church. It is recommended that he be granted a Conference licensure, provided he follow a prescribed course of study outlined by this committee, and that he continue to work under the supervision of Brother Thurman Bowers and Dr. W. T. Scott. We request that his standing be recognized in the Western North Carolina Conference.

5. *Brother Warren Matthews* is a senior at Elon College and is doing a most commendable job in his studies. He worked with Rev. Fred Register in the Eastern North Carolina Conference this past summer. He did considerable preaching this past summer and engaged in many other church activities. It is recommended that his licensure be continued.

6. *Brother John R. Lackey* is a student at Duke Divinity School, fulltime pastor at Apple's Chapel, and is making his home at Elon College. Reports on his work both at Duke and in his parish are most encouraging. He is doing a good job. It is recommended that his standing of Conference Ordination be continued.

7. *Brother William Rich* is a student at Duke Divinity School and pastor of Damascus and Morrisville Churches. He requests that he be granted a Conference Ordination. He seems to be getting along well with his studies and pastorial work. It is recommended that he be given a Conference Ordination.

8. *Brother Herman Johnson* is a freshman at Elon College and has been teaching a Sunday school class at Zion for some time. He has expressed his desire to enter the ministry. It is recommended that he be enrolled in the Biblical Class.

9. *Brother Rosser Lee Clapp* is a senior at Elon College and pastor of our Meban Church. He requests that he be ordained after he has completed his work at Elon. He is to be commended for the work he is doing. It is recommended that his licensure be continued.

10. *Brother John Perry Littiken* is a freshman at Elon College and working at Western Electric. He was a member of Turner's Chapel Church near Sanford for several years and did some teaching and preaching while there. He has expressed his desire to make the ministry his life work. We recommend that he be enrolled in the Biblical Classs.

11. *Brother Harold Loman*, who is a minister of the Pilgrim Holiness Church and pastor of Hopedale, a church in this Conference, appeared before this Committee requesting that he be received by transfer into the ministry of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference with a Conference Ordination standing. Your Committee did not feel it could approve this request. It was voted that the matter should be referred to the Executive Committee of the Conference asking them to take appropriate action in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee reported to the 1949 session of Conference and recorded on page 79 of the 1949 ANNUAL.

12. *Timothy Chang* a graduate student at State College and a member of our Durham Church, came to us requesting that he be licensed at this session of Conference. We have a letter from the Durham Church making this same request. Timothy is also a graduate of Duke Divinity School. It is recommended that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

13. *Brother Lester Stanley* is the pastor of our church at Gibsonville and is doing a most commendable job. The work there is progressing and the spirit of the church is most encouraging. He comes to us requesting a Conference Ordination. We have a letter from his church signed by the board of deacons making this same request. It is recommended that he be granted a Conference Ordination and that he follow a prescribed course of study set up by this Committee.

14. *Brother Percy Ricketts* was pastor of Mt. Bethel, Kellam's Grove and New Lebanon Churches for several years, and is now pastor of Lakewood Community Church near Danville. The Lord has richly blessed this man's ministry. He is doing a fine piece of work. It is recommended that his Conference Ordination be continued.

15. *Brother William T. Scott, Jr.*, a licentiate in this Conference, is serving this year as assistant pastor of the First Congregational Church of Norwich, N. Y. He expects to return to Yale Divinity School in the fall of 1952. We recommed that his licensure be continued.

16. It is recommended that Brother I. T. Underwood be continued as a licentiate for another year.

17. *Brother W. P. Tolly* is now a student at Hartford Seminary. It is recommended that he be continued in the Biblical Class.

18. *Brother John Graves* is now a student at Hartford Seminary. It is recommended that he be continued as a licentiate.

19. *Brother Staley Sorrell* is a college ministerial student. It is recommended that he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

20. *Brother Mullen C. Morricle* failed to report to your committee this year. It is recommended that he be discontinued as a member of the Biblical Class.

21. *Brother Orville H. White* is now serving as minister of the Tryon Church. It is recommended that he be received and enrolled as a member in full standing when his letter of transfer is presented to the Executive Committe.

22. *Brother Frank E. Ratzell* is now serving as a minister of the Asheville Church. It is recommended that he be received and enrolled as a member in full standing when his letter of transfer is presented to the Executive Committee.

23. *Brother James C. Perkins*, of Durham, requests that his ministerial standing be transfered to this Conference from the Texas Association of Congregational Christian Churches. We have his letter of transfer and we recommend the acceptance of his ministerial standing as an elder in this Conference.

W. E. WISSEMAN,
F. E. REYNOLDS,
D. J. BOWDEN,
K. D. REGISTER,
M. W. ANDES,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was adopted.

Mrs. H. E. Robinson, chairman of the Committee on Religious Literature, made an oral report emphasizing the need of better and more religious reading. Dr. R. L. House, editor of *The Christian Sun,* urged the reading of this paper.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The distinction between home and foreign missions is growing less each year. We are coming to recognize that our gospel is for one world and to be proclaimed

to God's children everywhere. However, for administrative purposes the missionary enterprize is divided between home and foreign, the latter being the special concern of this committee.

Our giving to foreign missions has held up well in comparison to other years. However, when it is compared to our numbers and our resources it is far too little. We have in the neighborhood of 10,000 members in this conference. Last year we gave a little better than ⅓ of a cent per day per member for the propagation of the gospel in other lands. If we gave a sum as little as one cent per day per member we could raise $30,000 instead of the present level of around $12,000 per year.

Our Christian World Mission is a reflection of our concern for our fellow man. The extent to which we give our support is the evidence of our real interest regardless of our professions. Neglect, indifference, and preoccupation with other demands explain our small response. Ways must be found to stimulate thought and action toward the foreign fields. Great opportunities await our response in Japan, India, Latin America, Africa, and the isles of the sea. At this writing forty-five candidates are being sought to fill mission posts of the American Board. Our established missions are operating on shoe-string budgets.

Your committee urges every cooperation with our national and convention boards as they plan ways of undergirding the outreach of the church. Pray for our missionaries. Do your part in making our people aware of their work and their needs. Finally, give of your sons and daughters and your substance that our day may see the advance and not the retreat of God's Kingdom across the earth.

HENRY E. ROBINSON,
MRS. ED MITCHELL,
JOHN R. LACKEY,
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,
M. T. SORRELL,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, secretary of the Missions Council in New York City, spoke on the subject, "The Things We Do Together."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Conference adjourned for lunch, and Dr. W. M. Brown gave the closing prayer and pronounced the blessing for the meal.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:30 p. m.

The song and prayer were led by W. P. Smith.

Dr. J. G. Truitt, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, presented the needs of that institution.

Mrs. S. L. Mauldin, vice-president of the North Carolina Woman's Conference, presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE PRESIDENT.

The women's groups in local churches of the North Carolina Woman's Conference are in the majority concentrating on missions in their study, worship, and giving. However, a few groups do not concentrate on missions and some are divided between missions and ladies' aid to the church.

In the past year, we have given a total of $8,969.89, which, after expenses are deducted and special funds are properly disbursed, is divided equally between home and foreign missions.

During the past year, we have studied "Great Prayers of the Bible" for our devotional study. Our mission studies were "Toward a Christian Community" and "The Near East."

The District Rallies were held this past spring, with Mrs. E. E. McClintock and Rev. R. L. Jackson as guest speakers. Both were very helpful and inspiring.

The School of Missions was held this summer at Elon, with the following speakers: Mrs. F. C. Lester, Miss Lucy Steele, Miss Ione Catton, and others.

For this year, we are studying the Book of James, Latin America, and "Churches for our Country's need." Our Thank Offering goes to Japan International Christian University, and the return from the Life Memberships and Memorials fund goes to help renovate Franklinton Center.

Our fall conference was held at Ingram Church, with several interesting speakers making an integrated program. The offering for the day, about $80.00, went to help North Carolina Migrants in the program sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Our theme for this year is "A Highway for our God."

MRS. W. J. ANDES, *President.*

The report was admitted to record.

Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, executive director of the North Carolina Council of Churches, presented the work of that body.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1. *The Young People* of our conference have a new president, Curtis Young of Durham. They have promoted and held a State-wide Youth Rally, last April, at Elon College. 600 young people were there. Another state meeting is to be held next spring. This past October a conference-wide youth meeting was held at Apple's Chapel. They have given their share in the Philippine project and will do so next year.

2. *The North Carolina and Virginia Sunday School Convention* was held at New Lebanon, June 28, 1951, with a good attendance and with good reports. Mr. A. H. Blalock is the president of this group.

3. *Leadership Training Schools* have been held at Greensboro and Burlington, with surrounding churches participating. Schools are now planned for these same areas for January, 1952. We urge other schools to be set up.

A new training school was the meeting of the Superintendents of the Sunday schools at Reidsville last March 15. This was well attended and an excellent training period was held for the leaders of our Sunday schools. More meetings of this sort will be held for our leaders and one is now being planned for next spring.

4. *Elon College, our* own church college, is desperately in need of our support now. Faced with decreased enrollment and therefore decreased income from students, we in the church are called upon to support the college with our Sustaining Fund as well as with our regular college apportionment.

5. *Your committee* on Christian Education has thus been active in setting up training schools and helping our churches to face the future with the best equipped leadership possible.

W. J. ANDES,
W. W. SLOAN,
H. P. BOZARTH,
M. T. GARREN,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was adopted.

Dr. L. E. Smith and Dr. W. M. Brown spoke in behalf of Elon College.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS AND RURAL CHURCH.

During the past year, some progress has been made within our conference. We would like to commend Kallam's Grove, New Lebanon, and Mt. Bethel for the forming of a pastorate. They have formed this pastorate and provided an adequate salary and a parsonage for their pastor and his family. Perhaps more of our churches need to follow their example. We also would like to commend the Burlington area for the work that has been done there. The Beverly Hills Congregational Christian Church is now organized and functioning. During the year, the parsonage for the Beverly Hills Church was built by the Southern Convention Mission Board.

This committee makes the following recommendations to this conference:

1. That a survey should be conducted in South Boston, Virginia, as to the possibility of locating there a Congregational Christian Church. We would enlist the help of the Conference Missionary Association in carrying out this project.

2. That churches in the Greensboro, Reidsville, Danville, Durham, and Winston-Salem areas be urged to see if there is need for additional churches of our denomination in their vicinity. If there is such a need we would recommend that they take the leadership in establishing these churches.

3. That $3,000.00 plus a parsonage be the minimum salary for a minister living on the field and giving full time to his church work.

W. W. SNYDER,
MRS. O. H. PARIS,
MRS. JOHN W. LONG,
MRS. J. D. STRADER,
K. D. REGISTER,
H. P. BOZARTH,
MRS. J. G. TRUITT,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Home Missions, Rev. W. M. Stevens, president of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, spoke on "The Home Mission Program of the Southern Convention." The report of the committee was then adopted.

The president appointed the following presbytery to ordain several candidates to the gospel ministry: W. E. Wisseman, W. T. Scott, M. W. Andes, T. G. Humphries, and W. W. Snyder.

The Conference recessed for a meeting of the Conference Missionary Association.

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Conference in session again.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, present the following to serve in the offices of the Conference for the year 1951-1952:

President—Rev. W. W. Snyder.
Vice-President—Rev. Mark Andes.
Secretary—Rev. W. J. Andes.
Assistant Secretary—Rev. Mack Welch.
Treasurer—Russell V. Powell.
Historian—Rev. S. C. Harrell.
Home Mission Board—Rev. K. D. Register, Rev. M. T. Sorrell, Mrs. R. W. Iseley, Rev. R. T. Woodruff, Jr., Mrs. John Briggs, Mrs. M. T. Garren.
John Robert Walker.
Representative to Executive Board of The Southern Convention—

Representatives to North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. M. V. Welch, Rev. K. D. Register, A. H. Hinshaw, D. L. Boone, Sr. *Alternates*: W. E. Wisseman, Rev. T. G. Humphries, G. D. Colclough, W. J. Fonville.

Representatives to Virginia Council of Churches—Mrs. G. I. Satterfield, Joe K. Landrum.

W. P. SMITH,
MRS. D. E. MITCHELL,
W. H. GARRISON,
Committee.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Nominations be adopted and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of Conference for the nominees. The secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the president declared the officers elected.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee be authorized to confirm the nominations of the churches for delegates to the Southern Convention.

It was moved and carried that the Nominating Committee be a "standing committee" of the Conference, such a committee to be named at the close of the Conference.

Conference adjourned for the evening meal.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 7:30 p. m.

The evening worship service was conducted by Rev. T. G. Humphries, pastor of the host church, and the youth choir of the church.

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Fellowship was presented as follows:

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The North Carolina and Virginia Conference Laymen's Fellowship is one of the five Conference units in the Southern Convention Laymen's Fellowship. Our Conference is represented on the Laymen's Council (or Executive Committee) of the Southern Convention Laymen's Fellowship by J. H. Rountree, of Greensboro, and S. L. Mauldin, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

During the past year two meetings have been held of our Conference Fellowship—one in Burlington in the winter, and one in Durham in the spring. These meetings were well attended, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested.

Laymen's Sunday was observed on October 21 and many of our churches observed the day with Laymen in charge of the church services.

The Laymen of the Conference and Convention are taking a larger place in the work of our church, but as yet, we have not made ourselves felt as greatly as we are capable of doing. We believe the Laymen need to undertake some specific job. Our Laymen's Council, meeting in September, made some recommendations that ought to be adopted by us.

The Laymen's Council recommended that the Laymen support the Sustaining Fund for Elon College of $1.00 per member per year.

The Council further recommended that the Laymen's Fellowship accept the physical development of Moonelon, a conference site of 25 acres, given to the Convention just three-quarters of a mile from Elon College. Now on the property are a large swimming pool, a lake and two houses. This site offers an excellent opportunity for developing a center for our Youth summer Conferences and for various other groups of our church. Many other denominations already have such cen-

ters, and we shall be able to promote our work in a larger way if we will get behind this undertaking. The need now is for a central dining room which would be used for an administration building, and also ten or a dozen cabins. The Laymen's Council recommended that the Laymen undertake to raise $25,000 for the purpose of developing Moonelon. Since the center is located in our Conference, our churches would perhaps benefit more largely than any other Conference. We ought to challenge the other Conferences by generous financial support of this worthy undertaking.

When the Laymen were organized four years ago, we did not have a Conference organization, and they were set up by the Southern Convention Laymen's Fellowship. The time has now come when the Laymen of this Conference ought to elect their own officers. At this session we ought to elect a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary-treasurer. We ought to nominate also two representatives to the Southern Convention Laymen's Council.

I would like to call to your attention the sixteen Laymen's Fellowship objectives and projects. It is hoped that the Laymen's Fellowship may grow in power during the coming year.

Laymen's Fellowship Objectives and Projects.

1. A working organization and unit of men in every local church.
2. A father and son banquet in each local church or district.
3. Annual fellowship visitation on some Sunday or during some week in each local church.
4. Observance of Laymen's Sunday in every church with the Laymen participating in a special service.
5. Churchmanship Institutes for deacons and church officers.
6. Better business organization and administration in the work of the local church.
7. Promote subscriptions to *The Christian Sun.*
8. Maintain private and family devotions, Bible reading and prayers.
9. Regular attendance at church, Sunday school, Conference, and Convention meetings, and encourage others to do so.
10. Encourage and promote better financial support of the local church, Conference and Convention enterprises.
11. Encourage adequate salaries for pastors.
12. Improvement of church property.
13. Sponsor one or more social fellowship meetings in the local church during the year.
14. Support the Convention goal for evangelism—one new member per month per 100 members in every local church.
15. Support the Convention goal for church extension—one new church in each Conference per year.
16. Encourage and practice Christian principles in earning and using money.

Motto: *"Every Laymen Working in his Place in his Church."*

S. L. MAULDIN.

Pending the adoption of the report, the folowing panel presented the work of the laymen in the church: Geo. D. Colclough, J. R. Walker, Ben Fort, Herman Truitt and Wm. Oakley.

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Fellowship was adopted.

By authority of the vote of Conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the president of the Conference licensed Timothy Chang, member of the Durham Church and of the church in Shaowu, China, and John Bowers of the Calvary Church in Greensboro, as probationers to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. R. L. Jackson led the prayer.

By authority of the vote of Conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the ordaining presbytery, W. E. Wisseman as

chairman, ordained William A. Rich of the Graham Proidence Memorial Church and J. Lester Stanley of the Gibsonville Church to Conference ordination. Rev. W. W. Snyder presented the candidates, Rev. M. W. Andes led the ordaining prayer, Dr. W. T. Scott delivered the charge, and Rev. T. G. Humphries presented the Holy Bible.

Conference adjourned with J. Lester Stanley pronouncing the benediction.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the president.
The hymn and prayer led by Rev. John R. Lackey.
The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.
The enrollment of ministers and delegates was completed.
The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Stewardship is the Christian life in practice. It is a way of life based upon the operational principle of the universe, i. e., that the harvest is many fold greater than the planting in every case where man works in harmony with God. Stewardship is essential to the growth and development of the Christian Church.

The very fact that we are members of the church is an indication within itself that we have subscribed to the teachings of the Bible upon which our church is built. Therefore, we believe in the command of Christ to preach the gospel to all mankind. If this is to be done, we must provide workers and funds with which to do the job. We must learn to be stewards of God, not only in the giving of a portion of the income we receive, but also by giving a portion of our time to the work of the church. It is the conviction of the Steward that God is the Owner of all things and that man is no more than trustee of that little portion over which he is granted control. Therefore he follows the practice of laying aside a proportion of all his earnings as the first call upon his substance. He uses that proportion for the church before he meets the other obligations of life.

Experience has taught us that where an individual tithes, the tither and the cause of the church continue to prosper. Those who tithe for a period would not think of going back to the haphazard way of giving to the Lord that which is convenient.

We would recommend that our Stewardship Committee, our ministers, and all others in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference give more time and thought and emphasis to Stewardship. Enough faithful stewards in our church will relieve the problems of all the various enterprises we support.

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was adopted.

The report of the Historian was presented as follows:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

At the 1950 session of this Conference, Shallow Ford, N. C. it was reported that there was in the treasury $539.49 for the improvement of the James O'Kelly cemetery. On October 15, 1951, the treasurer had in hand $965.04. As was announced in *The Christian Sun* recently the next session of The Southern Convention will be held in Durham, N. C. This will afford those attending the Convention opportunity to visit the cemetery as it is only ten miles away, and it is hoped that by that time the improvements will be in progress.

Not much progress has been made in 1951 in completing the history of the local churches of this Conference. Dr. N. G. Newman is doing an excellent work in writ-

ing the history of the churches of the Eastern Virginia Conference. Last spring I began the work of typing from THE ANNUAL the reports of the historians of both The Southern Convention and the local Conferences with the purpose of having these bound into one volume, together with other important historical matter, and put in the church history room at Elon.

There seems to be an increased interest in the work and growth of our various church organizations. The Pilgrim Fellowship is a great agency in influencing our young people to become active in religious work and in preparing them for future leadership in the church.

The Laymen's Fellowship has held during 1951 several district meetings with an average attendance of about one hundred. A general meeting of representatives from all the Conferences was held at Elon last year with five hundred present.

In the report to the 1950 Conference a resume was given of the progress of those churches of the Conference organized by the Home Mission committee since the beginning of the present century. By reference to THE ANNUAL of 1950 we find that six of these churches have a property value of nearly half a million dollars. In this same year these same churches raised for all purposes $122,172. One church raised for Foreign Missions alone $4,258. Another, for missions and benevolences, $11,171.

Fifty-two years ago the North Carolina and Virginia Conference had 2,778 members and thirty churches. The property value was $25,615. $2,066.50(?) was paid to the fifteen ministers laboring in the Conference. This gave each pastor an average salary of $133.33. It is remarkable that since that time the Conference has lost only six of these thirty churches.

To give in this report an accurate account of the material and spiritual progress of our forty-six churchs is impossible to do until all reports are in. The one of our number in a position best to give an opinion says that there is a disposition on the part of our ministers to place greater emphasis on both evangelism and stewardship.

Beverly Hills in Burlington has been organized with fifteen charter members, and has prospect for growth.

Calvary Christian Church of Greensboro, Rev. Thurman Bowers, pastor, has come into our fellowship with one hundred and seventy-five members. They have a property value of approximately $30,000. There are two hundred members in the Sunday school and strong young people's and women's organizations.

There are prospects for a new church organization both at Brookwood in Burlington and Lake View on the road from Burlington to Union, N. C.

The following additions have been or are now being made to church property:

Apple's Chapel is erecting an educational building. Bethel and Mt. Zion are making major improvements. Bethlehem has completed and opened their beautiful new building, costing $125,000. This church plant is the most modern and complete of any rural church building of our Conference. The first church of Burlington is erecting a handsome educational building. Beverly Hills has completed its new parish house. Concord has completed their brick building. Durham has within the present year paid nearly all the indebtedness on their new modern educational building. First Church of Greensboro is making good progress on their new building in a new and growing part of the city. Palm Street is now worshipping in their new church which has additions for Christian Educational work. The cost of the entire plant is over $60,000. Zion, near Burlington, has completed the first unit of its building program.

The following parsonages have been built since last Conference: Beverly Hills, Union, Va., Tryon, N. C.

The following new pastors have begun their work among us: Rev. Clyde O. Koon, Belew Creek and Salem Chapel; Rev. Lester Stanley, Gibsonville, N. C.; Rev. E. J. Clawson, Long's Chapel; Rev. Frank E. Ratzell, Asheville; Rev. Orville H. White, Tryon.

We have now in this Conference fourteen churches with a pastor giving full-time service. There are ten fields with two churches each, one with four churches, and three fields with three churches each.

In 1950 our property values were $1,702,050. Add to this the improvements made and our property values in 1952 will be around $2,382,000. The present membership of our forty-six churches is 10,193. The number of parsonages is twenty-two.

C. E. NEWMAN, *Historian.*

The report of the Historian was received to record

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The relief work among our retired ministers, ministers' widows and dependents is supported by the Board of Superannuation through our National Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions, New York. Money contributed for Superannuation through the apportionment is paid by the churches direct to the Convention Office. The Convention remits all funds received to our New York office, and regular checks are mailed to our pensioners. We regret to say that our contributions to the Division of Ministerial Relief are considerably below the amounts which they in turn pay to our pensioners. We urge our churches to pay in full the apportionment for Superannuation, and exceed it, if possible.

In addition to the Apportionment for Superannuation, our churches are urged at Christmas time to receive a special offering for the retired ministers. This is known as "The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross." This special offering constitutes a fund from which extra Christmas checks are sent to our pensioners, and in case of hardship or hospital bills occasional emergency checks are sent. In 1950 our Christmas Fund offerings amounted to around $800, while in turn these special checks sent to our pensioners amounted to nearly $1,500. Again we are receiving more than we are contributing. We urge our people to support the Christmas Fund which is in addition to the regular Superannuation apportionment.

D. R. FONVILLE, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was received to record.

It was moved and carried that the Conference complete its business before lunch, moving the lunch hour to 1:00 p. m.

The report of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPORTIONMENTS.

We commend the churches of the Conference for their earnest efforts toward paying the full apportionment goal for the year just closing.

We commend the churches which now follow the practice of sending payment on apportionments monthly or quarterly. We urge all of our churches to follow this practice, rather than waiting until the end of the year.

The Southern Convention, at its 1950 session, by resolution, requested that in addition to the regular apportionments for Elon College the Conferences and churches engage in an effort to raise a minimum of $1.00 per member annually for Elon College. Money given to this cause is to be known as the Sustaining Fund. We earnestly urge that our people do their best in their effort to reach this goal.

When The Southern Convention gives to this Conference the total amount for each item of our conference apportionments, we suggest: (1) that the Budget and Apportionment Committee submit to the churches and pastors of the Conference the total amount of each item in the Conference apportionments; (2) that each church be requested to report to the Budget and Apportionment Committee of the Conference the amount it considers as its proportionate share for each item; (3) that it be understood this information is for the guidance of the Budget and Apportionment Committee for the Conference of 1952.

We recommend the following schedule of apportionments for the churches of our Conference, *including* the instruction from the Conference to combine the pas-

tor's insurance "13 cents per member" in the apportionment schedule with the item, "Conference fund," and with the request that the churches pay at least half of their Conference fund by January 1, 1952.

MARK W. ANDES,
HENRY E. ROBINSON,
JOHN R. WALKER,
MRS. RUSSELL POWELL,
D. L. BOONE, SR.,
Committee.

SCHEDULE OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1951-52.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	The Christian Sun	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	Totals
Apple's Chapel	$ 165	$ 140	$ 136	$ 135	$ 44	$ 43	$ 23	$ 120	$ 34	$ 14	$ 84	$ 938
Asheville	37	52	25	27	8	8	4	21	8	10	21	221
Belew Creek	64	43	29	46	18	22	12	61	9	8	27	339
Berea	64	43	29	46	19	13	7	61	10	8	29	329
Bethel	60	60	71	73	14	13	7	35	14	4	30	381
Bethlehem	168	140	127	141	41	40	21	114	27	12	68	899
Burlington, Beverly Hills	15	15	15	15	5	5	4	15	3	3	7	102
Burlington, First	490	1,399	2,735	607	156	148	77	365	64	48	197	6,286
Carolina	44	20	18	27	14	11	6	53	6	7	23	229
Concord	71	50	43	55	22	13	7	53	9	8	31	362
Danville	410	401	59	61	27	74	39	77	64	11	163	1,386
Durham	672	635	369	534	125	151	79	347	35	38	131	3,116
Elk Spur	24	10	12	11	7	3	2	25	2	4	17	117
Elon College	467	435	246	427	97	94	49	271	35	27	97	2,245
Gibsonville	81	60	44	61	20	27	14	70	17	9	54	457
Graham-Providence	40	17	10	23	14	7	4	28	6	6	24	179
Greensboro, Calvary	80	80	55	65	20	20	10	65	10	10	37	452
Greensboro, First	578	545	312	534	95	101	53	331	36	30	118	2,733
Greensboro, Palm Street	124	120	119	115	27	24	13	62	21	8	40	673
Happy Home	138	113	104	109	41	38	20	95	22	12	63	755
Haw River	131	100	92	107	27	26	14	77	13	12	38	637
Hebron	67	43	32	49	14	13	7	36	9	8	25	303
Hines' Chapel	84	84	59	61	20	27	14	51	10	9	34	453
Hopedale	47	27	20	32	14	11	6	36	8	7	26	234
Howard's Chapel	17	7	12	11	7	7	4	8	2	4	8	87
Ingram	172	144	135	149	40	34	18	103	15	15	53	878
Kallam Grove	47	27	18	30	14	11	6	28	7	7	23	218
Lebanon	71	47	42	55	16	13	7	53	11	8	32	355
Liberty	71	47	38	55	19	13	7	53	16	8	42	369
Long's Chapel	91	67	56	70	20	19	10	61	13	9	32	448
Mebane	13	7	12	21	14	7	4	10	2	5	11	106
Monticello	50	27	24	30	15	11	6	44	7	7	27	248
Mt. Bethel	74	74	71	67	16	16	8	39	5	5	18	393
Mt. Zion	81	60	50	63	22	16	8	69	13	8	37	427
New Lebanon	121	94	86	97	27	24	13	69	15	12	50	608
Pfafftown	34	13	12	18	14	8	4	28	2	6	16	155
Pleasant Grove	104	80	71	79	29	30	16	77	21	10	51	568
Pleasant Ridge	50	27	24	35	16	8	4	35	4	7	23	233
Reidsville	228	194	187	194	34	54	28	147	44	19	118	1,247
Rocky Ford	24	10	12	11	7	3	2	25	2	4	16	116
Salem Chapel	50	30	24	36	14	8	4	53	10	6	28	263
Shallow Ford	104	80	74	80	22	22	12	89	16	10	51	560
Tryon, Congl. Ch. of Christ	134	110	95	107	35	27	14	89	16	12	52	691
Union, North Carolina	121	90	82	97	35	24	13	98	26	20	80	686
Union, Virginia	138	114	14	115	35	34	18	89	35	12	79	773
Winston-Salem, United	90	39	28	43	14	20	7	47	10	12	35	345
Zion	10	10	5	5	2	3	2	10	2	3	7	59
Totals	$6,016	$6,030	$6,023	$4,829	$1,356	$1,344	$707	$3,793	$766	$522	$2,273	$ 33,659

The report of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

"Go ye and teach." These words were used by Jesus. They are not only words, as such, but are a plan to win people to his kingdom and spirit.

We are of the conviction, that if this plan were carried out by the constituency of every church in our Conference, we could by next year realize a great success in our evangelistic efforts.

In the past, we as a Conference, have adopted some excellent reports, made by your Committee on Evangelism. Church relations, moral reform, social reforms, mass evangelism, personal evangelism, child evangelism, visitation evangelism, graded evangelism, and the program set up by the Evangelistic Advance have all been recommended to, and adopted by this Conference. However, we have not seen in our churches very much success. What is the trouble? We have not gone out and taught in the like spirit of Jesus or with the enthusiasm of our Apostolic Fathers. Therefore, we recommend to the Conference the following:

1. That our ministers tarry in prayer until ready to "Go and Teach."
2. That our churches tarry in unity and love that they may be empowered to carry out this plan.
3. That our Sunday schools, missionary societies, youth groups, laymen fellowship, and any other organizations of our churches add to their efforts, a prayerful and fervent program of evangelism.
4. That our ministers and churches urge their leaders to attend the Leadership Training Schools, which have been planned, and that the continuing committee for the schools include when possible a course in evangelism.
5. That our churches, after being filled with the spirit of Christ, dedicate themselves to this plan to build the kingdom of God in the hearts of men.
6. That our churches have an annual roll call of church membership, so as to keep a correct record.

MACK V. WELCH,
THURMAN BOWERS,
JULIUS RICE,
J. V. SIMPSON,
JOHN A. INGRAM,
DR. J. C. WILKINS,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report, the chairman and other members of Conference discussed evangelism within the churches of the Conference, pointing out the great loss in church membership of some of our churches this year because of revision of church rolls.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted.

Dr. A. D. Stauffacher addressed the Conference on "Changing Frontiers in the Promotion of Our Christian World Mission."

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches, in its draft statement for study and criticism by Congregational Christian Churches, has declared: "There are times in the affairs of men when faith seems futile, goals are elusive, and cynicism and despair are widespread. We live in such a time. The age-old dreams of peace and fellowship on earth appear to be fantasies and are easily discounted. Conflicts at every level—local, national, and international—breed pain and misery, discrimination and injustice, bitterness and enmity, and these results in turn produce further strife. Angry voices divide mankind and special interests override the common good." ("Christian Action for a World in Crisis," p. 1.) Conditions such as these challenge the Christian faith. Therefore, in the present

crisis no Christian can escape responsibility for social action. The refusal or failure to act does not and cannot exempt a Christian from his responsibility.

In order to understand more clearly the bases and goals of Christian Social Action, we recommend that each church in this Conference institute a program of education concerning social action. In this connection we urge that in each church groups be organized with the purpose of conducting discussions on the draft statement prepared by the Council for Social Action. This statement, entitled "Christian Action for a World in Crisis," may be obtained from the Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

In our dealing with others of different races, creeds, clases, and colors, we recommend that we remember our Lord's attitude toward discrimination and intolerance. We strongly urge all Christians that they seek to overcome all deliberate acts of personal and public discrimination on grounds of class, race, color, or culture.

Because of our firm belief in the separation of church and state, we heartily express our disapproval of the recent appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. As an expression of this disapproval we recommend that each member of this Conference write his representative and senator in Congress and urge them to vote against the above appointment.

We recommend that this Conference and its members take a stand on the issue of Universal Military Training. Throughout the history of our country our citizens have opposed compulsory universal military training. They have opposed it because of its violation of our American democratic heritage and its unnecessary indoctrination of youth with militaristic thinking. At the present time a bill for the enactment of Universal Military Training is pending in Congress. The proponents of this bill, taking advantage of the anxiety in these tense days, are seeking, under the guise of emergency legislation, to have this bill for permanent compulsory military training passed. If the opposition to Universal Military Training is to be effective Congress must know where the people stand. Therefore, we recommend that the members of our Conference notify their congressmen that they are opposed to this legislation.

W. P. SMITH,
D. J. BOWDEN,
MRS. M. T. GARREN,
ALFRED W. MATTHEWS.
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

We, your committee on Memoirs, report the death of Rev. S. M. Johnson on February 4, 1951. Mr. Johnson was eighty-two years of age at his death. His wife, who survives him, is now living near Asheville, N. C.

We would report the death of L. P. Rippy, one time a licensed minister of this Conference. Mr. Rippy, a member of the Mt. Bethel Church, died, October 8, 1951, and is survived by his wife who lives near Reidsville, N. C.

We would express our thanks for the lives of these brethren and for their ministry to the churches of our denomination.

C. E. NEWMAN.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the records of the treasurer of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and find them to be correct and in order.

We recommend:

1. That the secretary be paid $75.00 for cost involved in the transaction of his duties during the past year.

2. That the bills for ANNUALS, report blanks and programs be paid on the receipt of same by treasurer.

3. That $300 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and $75 to the Virginia Council of Churches.

4. That the Executive Committee of the Conference be given the power to act on any request from the Conference Missionary Association during the year 1951-1952.

5. That the Conference treasurer be authorized to pay $25.00 to Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher, and $15 to Rev. W Millard Stevens, and other expenses incurred during this session of Conference.

6. That $50 be given to the North Carolina and Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship for 1951-1952.

7. That the Conference treasurer be authorized to pay the pastor's insurance of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

MARK W. ANDES,
HENRY E. ROBINSON,
JOHN R. WALKER,
MRS. RUSSELL POWELL,
D. L. BOONE, SR.,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Place was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

The Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church has extended us an invitation for the 1952 Conference.

We recommend the acceptance of this invitation.

B. A. LEEBRICK,
MRS. R. W. ISELEY,
MRS. R. E. APPLE,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Place was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following items for consideration:

1. That this Conference extend to the pastor and people of this church its gratitude for its hospitality as shown in the many provisions made for the needs and comfort of the delegates and visitors.

2. That we duly thank our officers and leaders for the careful preparation and hours of labor which have gone into the program of these sessions and the ongoing demands through the past year.

3. That we thank the speakers who have come to us from a distance to bring information and inspiration, especially Rev. W. Millard Stevens from Norfolk, and Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher of New York City.

4. That we express our regret at the absence of Dr. C. E. Newman whose heart and life are so closely bound to our work and who has given himself so unreservedly to the program of the Conference over so many years.

5. That this Conference seriously consider the advisability of holding a one-day inspirational meeting in the spring with the possibility that the latter be broken down into districts or associations to reach more people, and on ocassion to combine with the Eastern and Western Conferences for the values that might be gained from a state-wide gathering.

6. That the Conference authorize its Executive Committee to work in co-operation with the Eastern and Western North Carolina Conferences in maintaining our

standards by getting a court decision, if necessary, to keep unauthorized persons from assuming to be pastors of our churches.

7. That the Conference instruct the secretary to forward the following resolution to the Secretary of State and to our representatives in the U. S. Senate:

Be it resolved that the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches in its 126th session assembled at Reidsville, North Carolina, November 13, and 14, 1951, vigorously oppose the recent appointment of General Mark Clark as ambassador to Vatican City as an act contrary to our American tradition embodied in law in the Constitution which upholds the separation of church and state. We believe that such preferential action toward an institution of organized religion is an affront to the great majority of our citizens and that it can only result in confusion, strife, and bitterness within our nation at a time when such conditions will rejoice the enemies of freedom and weaken our leadership among the nations.

8. That the Conference adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the proposed program for Universal Military Training for all young men is a violation of our American democratic heritage, and

Whereas, the adoption of this program would unnecessarily indoctrinate our youth with militarism, and

Whereas, the manpower needs of our conutry are adequately met by the Selective Service system, and

Whereas, the future welfare of our nation and the strength of the Christian Church is dependent upon young people with deep spiritual roots which have been nurtured in the environment of a Christian home, school, and church for which military training is no substitute;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian churches go on record as opposing Universal Military Training, and that the secretary make known their opposition to Universal Military Training by writing to the appropriate Congressmen.

HENRY E. ROBINSON,
MRS. R. T. WOODRUFF,
MRS. O. H. PARIS,
EGBERT TRUITT,
MRS. H. C. MURRAY,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Conference have its official minutes printed in THE ANNUAL; and that the Conference purchase 200 copies of THE ANNUAL for pro-rata distribution among the churches.

It was moved and carried that the Resolutions Committee be made a standing committee, appointed by the president at the conclusion of the Conference, and that the Executive Committee appoint a Public Relations Agent before the annual meeting of Conference each year.

The minutes of this day's session were read and approved.

By motion, the secretary was authorized to complete the minutes of this session and that, following the presentation of the gavel to the new president and to the new vice-president, and following the closing prayer, the Conference adjourn to meet Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1952, with the Bethlehem Church

Rev O. H. White led the closing prayer.

The 1951 Conference was adjourned.

S. C. HARRELL, *President.*
W. J. ANDES, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—Walstein W. Snyder, Mark W. Andes, W. J. Andes, Stanley C. Harrell.

Program—Walstein W. Snyder, Mark W. Andes, W. J. Andes, Stanley C. Harrell, G. C. Crutchfield.

Evangelism—Mack V. Welch, Thurman Bowers, M. T. Sorrell, Egbert Truitt, Truby Vincent, C. O. Koon.

Ministry—Stanley C. Harrell, W. E. Wisseman, D. J. Bowden, F. E. Reynolds, Kenneth D. Register.

Laymen's Fellowship—S. L. Mauldin, Charles H. McKinney, Lewis King, Joe Landrum, J. V. Simpson.

Social Action—W. P. Smith, Mrs. M. M. Joyner, Julius Rice, Lydia Dickens, Orville White.

Budget and Apportionment—W. E. Wisseman, Henry E. Robinson, D. L. Boone, Sr., Walter Cooper, Herbert Landrum.

Foreign Missions—Henry E. Robinson, Bland Leebrick, Mrs. Ed Mitchell, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, John R. Lackey.

Memoirs—C. E. Newman, Walter L. Taylor, Miss Lillie D. Fowler.

Stewardship—Tucker G. Humphries, J. E. Cumbie, Mrs. Howard Gerringer, Carl Chandler, W. W. Sloan.

Superannuation—J. Robert Walker, D. R. Fonville, Zeb Lynch.

Religious Literature—Mrs. John G. Truitt, Algie Blalock, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. J. D. Strader, R. T. Woodruff.

Pilgrim Fellowship—Curtis Young, Mrs. M. W. Andes, James Madren.

Christian Education—H. P. Bozarth, Boyd Tickell, Mrs. John Long, R. C. Clapp, J. H. Rountree.

Nominations—George D. Colclough, Mrs. Harold Ingle, W. P. Smith, Fred Allred, Mrs. T. W. Chandler.

Resolutions—Mrs. Henry E. Robinson, Mrs. J. C. Wlikins, Earl Daniely, Mrs. Cecil Wilkins, Walter B. Simpson.

Public Relations—William M. Brown.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Allred, Fred—Received at Conference.

Andes, M. W.—Sermons, 99; conversions, 33; members received, 54; baptism, 35; addresses, 3; marriages, 2; funerals, 19. Salary, $2,550.

Andes, W. J.—Sermons, 95; conversions, 10; members received, 26; baptisms, 5; addresses, 16; marriages, 5; funerals, 5. Salary, $3,240.

Bowden, D. J.—Dean of Elon College.

Bowers, T. F.—Sermons, 115; conversions, 21; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings, 42; addresses, 9; marriages, 11; funerals, 9. Salary, $3,592.

Bozarth, H. P.—Sermons, 51; conversions, 2; members received, 26; baptisms, 5; addresses, 24; marriages, 4; funerals, 6. Salary, $4,000.

Brooks, A. C.—No report.

Crutchfield, G. C.—Sermons, 64; conversions, 10; members received, 9; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings, 50; addresses, 5; marriages, 14; funerals, 20. Salary, $1,680.

Hailey, J. R.—Sermons, 50; members received, 7; baptisms, 3; marriages, 1; funerals, 3. Salary, $1,694.

Harrell, S. C.—Sermons, 47; members received, 4; prayer meetings, 36; addresses, 11; marriages, 2; funerals, 5. Salary, $4,000.

Humphries, T. G.—Sermons, 154; members received, 19; baptisms, 5; prayer meetings, 52; addresses, 49; marriages, 18; funerals, 13. Salary, $4,500.

Key, C. R.—Sermons, 12; addresses, 25. Salary, $4,950. Regional Supervisor for Christian Rural Overseas Program.

Koon, Clyde—Sermons, 132; conversions, 26; members received, 20; baptisms, 16; prayer meetings, 30; addresses, 16; marriages, 4; funerals, 10. Salary, $2,797. (14 months' report.)

Leebrick, B. A.—Sermons, 88; conversions, 8; members received, 11; baptisms, 1; prayer meetings, 3; addresses, 20; marriages, 3; funerals, 8. Salary, $2,282.

Morgan, Wm. H.—Teacher at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mueller, R. C. H.—Missionary to India.

Neese, J. L.—Retired.

Newman, C. E.—Retired. Marriages, 5; funerals, 5. Salary, $602.

Perkins, J. C.—Received at Conference.

Ratzell, F. E.—Received at Conference.

Register, K. D.—Sermons, 70; conversions, 12; members received, 7; baptisms, 6; marriages, 5; funerals, 12. Salary, $3,000.

Reynolds, F. E.—Sermons, 44; members received, 6; baptisms, 5; addresses, 14; marriages, 4. Salary, $1,200. Teacher at Elon College.

Robinson, H. E.—Sermons, 60; conversions, 8; members received, 31; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings, 42; marriages, 9; funerals, 8. Salary, $4,200.

Sloan, W. W.—Sermons, 15; addresses, 56. Teacher at Elon College.

Smith, H. S.—Teacher at Duke Divinity School.

Smith, J. H.—Sermons, 40; addresses, 50. Salary, $4,500. Chaplain and Dean of Men at Arnold College.

Smith, W. P.—Sermons, 76; conversions, 5; members received, 8; baptisms, 7; marriages, 3; funerals, 5. Salary, $2,100.

Snyder, W. W.—Sermons, 130; conversions, 15; members received, 22; baptisms, 15; addresses, 2; marriages, 10; funerals, 11. Salary, $3,000.

Sorrell, M. T.—Sermons, 188; conversions, 66; members received, 40; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings, 4; addresses, 12; marriages, 46; funerals, 48. Salary, 4,300.

Thelen, Mary Frances—Teacher at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Weed, E. D.—No report.

Wehrenberg, E. L.—Retired school teacher.

Welch, M. V.—Sermons, 101; conversions, 10; members, received, 5; addresses, 15; marriages, 7; funerals, 3. Salary, $3,890.

White, O. H.—Received at Conference.

Wisseman, W. E.—Sermons, 98; conversions, 14; members received, 38; baptisms, 18; prayer meetings, 24; marriages, 16; funerals, 20. Salary, $4,760.

Woodruff, R. T., Jr.—Sermons, 87; members received, 16; prayer meeting,30; addresses, 2; marriages, 1; funerals, 3. Salary, $2,880.

LOCAL CONFERENCE ORDINATION.

Clawson, E. J.—Sermons, 34; addresses, 3; funerals, 2. Salary, $1,800.

Lackey, J. R.—Sermons, 70; conversions, 32; members received, 30; baptisms, 23; prayer meetings, 50; marriages, 6; funerals, 6. Salary, $2,025.

Rich, W. A.—Sermons, 33; conversions, 4; members received, 8; prayer meetings, 1; funerals, 2. Salary, $930.

Ricketts, P. H.—Sermons, 218; conversions, 27; members received, 32; baptisms, 15; prayer meetings, 55; addresses, 5; marriages, 5; funerals, 21. Salary, $4,232.

Stanley, J. L.—Sermons, 46; conversions, 1; members received, 1; prayer meetings, 14; addresses, 2; funerals, 3. Salary, $840.00.

LICENTIATES.

Bowers, John—Received at Conference.

Chang, Timothy—Received at Conference.

Clapp, R. L.—Sermons, 36; conversions, 7; members received, 7; baptisms (by Dr. W. W. Sloan), 7; prayer meetings, 5. Salary, $677. Student at Elon College.

Graves, J. S.—Student at Hartford Seminary.

Matthews, A. W.—Sermons, 23; prayer meetings, 3; addresses, 2. Student at Elon College.

Rice, G. J.—Sermons, 55; conversions, 2; members received, 2; funerals, 3. Salary, $1,800. Student at Elon College.

Scott, W. T., Jr.—Sermons, 7. Salary, $2,200.

Underwood, I. T.—Retired.

BIBLICAL CLASS.

Johnson, Herman—Student at Elon College.

Littiken, J. P.—Student at Elon College.

Nelson, Sammy—Student at Elon College.

Sorrell, Staley—Student at Averett College.

Tolly, W. P.—Student at Hartford Seminary.

MEMBERS OF ANOTHER DENOMINATION SERVING CHURCHES IN CONFERENCE.

Loman, J. H.—Sermons, 735; conversions, 975; members received, 33; baptisms, 4; prayer meetings, 18; addresses, 4; marriages, 9; funerals, 20. Salary, $2,850.

Minutes of the Twentieth Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention

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TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Twentieth Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order by the president, Mrs. O. H. Paris, at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. J. Monroe Harris gave an inspiring devotional using as her topic, "Quiet Lanes and Hill-Top Views."

Rev. W. Millard Stevens, pastor of The Christian Temple, welcomed the convention and recognized the ministers who were present. The secretary read a telegram from Mrs. Garland Spratley, expressing her regret not to be present for the convention.

The president appointed the following Convention Committees:

Finance—Mrs. W. J. Andes, chairman; Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell, Mrs. J. E. Bryant.
Constitution—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.
Recommendations—Mrs. W. B. Williams, chairman; Mrs. Robert Lee House, Mrs. R. A. Whitten.
Courtesy—Mrs. Russell V. Powell, chairman; Mrs. L. W. Johnson, Mrs. A Lanson Granger, Jr.
Nominating—Mrs. J. D. Strader, chairman; Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Mrs. Mark W. Andes, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. W. Millard Stevens.

The following reports of the three Conference Presidents were adopted, as presented:

REPORT OF THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA WOMAN S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

I became the president last July but will try to cover in this report the activities of the biennium under Miss Verdie Showalter's administration also. Miss Showalter attended the last one on March 13. We were represented at the School of Missions at Elon College last year by seven women.

Last spring the districts of the Valley Conference combined for one meeting at Bethlehem Church in the form of a Family Life Institute with Dr. Paul Reynolds as speaker. This spring the Rallies were held at Mayland and Leaksville with Mrs. E. E. McClintock of New York City and Rev. Richard L. Jackson as speakers. In the fall a Conference-wide meeting was held at Leaksville when Miss Margaret Blemker reviwewed the Near East book. Mrs. O. H. Paris, Southern Convention President, attended this meeting and the meeting of the Woman's Board the following day.

The Valley Woman's Conference was held in Winchester on July 4 with Miss Helen Frances Smith as the speaker and the session this year will be held at Leaksville on July 26. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill attended the conference, rallies, and board meetings. Two new socities were organized during the biennium and we have a promise of two additional ones this year. We raised a total of $1,277.65.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *President.*

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

During the past biennium the women of our churches in the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference have dedicated themselves to doing the will of their Heavenly Father through worship, consecrated service, missionary education, fellowship and stewardship of time, talent and money. The officers and members of each local society deserve praise for the commendable progress made in all departments of our women's work.

The thirty-seventh annual session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference was held at the Christian Temple on October 6, 1949. Theme of that Conference was "We Dedicate Ourselves." There were 327 women who came to hear Timothy Chang tell about Han Mei School, in Shaowu, China, and Baxter Twiddy tell of his experiences in a Youth Work Camp in Europe. The thirty-eighth annual session was held at the Suffolk Christian Church on October 3, 1950, with more than 415 present. The theme for the day was "Thy Will to Do." The Conference considered it a rare privilege to have two interesting and inspirational speakers appear on the program. The keynote address was given by Dr. Ruth I. Seabury, Missionary Education Secretary of The Missions Council. She told the thrilling story of Christ and the Church in Japan. Mrs. O. H. Paris, our Convention president, brought us a wonderful message on "Thy Will To Do—With A Christ-like Spirit."

The Conference is divided into three districts each having a District Superintendent, who strives to present the plans, programs and needs of the missionary enterprise before the women of the churches in her district. In 1950 the spring rallies were combined, so that only one rally was held; this being in the form of a Family Life Institute conducted by Dr. Paul Reynolds, National Family Life Secretary. All churches having a women's organization were represented. The registration cards used indicated that 356 people attended. The 1951 rallies were attended by over 425 people. Mrs. E. E. McClintock and Rev. Richard L. Jackson were our guest speakers. They helped to enlarge our vision for greater service and more effective witnessing for our God.

The School of Missions at Elon College is being better attended by our women than ever before in past history. We had 59 to attend full time last year. The School of Missions and the District Leaders Meeting have provided our women leaders with the necessary blueprints and tools for the task they are striving to accomplish in the local society.

The reports for the past year show that 38 women's socities, 31 young people's socities, 26 children's socities, and 26 Cradle Roll socities are sending money through the Woman's Conference Treasurer. The amount sent in for the past biennium will be found in the Woman's Missionary Convention Treasurer's report.

As we walk along God's Highway during the coming year may we use every opportunity to witness for him. Christ gave the great commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the en dof the world." (Matt 28:19-20.) May we not delay the work of God by our failure to obey his commission.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. T. HARRELL, *President.*

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The work of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference was under the splendid leadership of Mrs. F. C. Lester up to October, 1950. Although I have been in this office about six months or more, I shall try as best I can to report work done during the past biennium.

The District Rallies in the spring of 1950 were combined into one Family Life Institute, with Dr. Paul Reynolds of Chicago as guest speaker. This was a very inspiring meeting and quite worthwhile.

At the fall Conference of 1950 our guest speaker was Miss Ruth Seabury, who gave a forceful and inspiring address.

For the spring Rallies of 1951, we had two outstanding speakers: Mrs. E. E. McClintock of New York, and Rev. R. L. Jackson, returned missionary from China. Both were unusually good.

An effort is being made to increase our missionary giving by raising society apportionments. Needs for missions at home and abroad are even greater and more opportunities are opening up. Although our yearly giving for the past two years has been less than $9,000, I hope we can make it close to $10,000 this year.

In the first six months of this year we have given a total of $5,172.64, including $1,336.65 for the Thank Offering.

Mrs. Lester was our representative to the bienial session of the United Council of Church Women meeting in Milwaukee, Wis., in November 1948. I had the privilege of representing the North Carolina women at the biennial session in November 1950, in Cincinnatti, Ohio.

In trying to fill the shoes of my predecessor, I feel they are almost to big for me. However, the women of North Carolina are well organized and they don't have to ask for much help in carrying on their mission work. They have been well trained. I am enjoying my job and pray that we may work for the Master with our whole hearts.

There are quite a few churches without a woman's organization and many need to be started again. We have organized a Caravan for the purpose of giving help where it is needed and assisting in organizing new societies.

Though our yearly theme will change from time to time, it seems to me that the one this year should always be our aim—"Thy will to do." We always seek to do the Master's will in our women's work.

MRS. W. J. ANDES, *President.*

The delegates from the Woman's Society of Calvary Christian Church, recently admitted to the North Carolina Conference, were welcomed.

The following Departmental Reports were presented and adopted as read:

REPORT OF FAMILY LIFE DEPARTMENT.

I regret I shall be unable to be with you in this Convention but I assure you my prayers and thoughts are with you.

Although the Christian Family Life Department is one of the latest to be included in our program of activities, it is one of the most important in this era of our living. Statesmen, educators, and religious leaders have begun to realize there is something lacking in the home life of the American peole. At the Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth held in Washington, D. C., last December when over five thousand persons from every state and territory of the United States met to gather facts about children's needs, the impending war in Korea was their greatest problem of all. This great gathering realized that nothing they could say or do would be of any value to the Nation's young, unless it helped them develop the kind of personalities that can withstand tension and adversity.

Religion held a definite place in this Conference, one of the outstanding speakers pleaded for "faith in God as Authority, Shelter, and Venture." This Conference closed with various recommendations and a pledge to children, one item of which reads as follows: "We will provide you with all opportunities possible to develop your own faith in God." This first opportunity should be in the homes of all children. It has been said, "Homes are a practice school for Life," and, "A people's culture cannot be better than its Homes." The Good Book admonishes parents to "Train up a child in the way it should go."

It is a matter of grave concern when we survey the statistical reports of juvenile delinquency brought on perhaps through the lack of Christian homes. One of our first objectives two years ago was a Family Altar in every home; the president of each society in The Southern Convention was contacted requesting her to urge the women in her group to establish one in her home. There was reported to me an encouraging number who found this project most worthwhile.

The Family Life Institutes which were held in each conference in March 1950 conducted by Dr. Paul Reynolds, Secretary of Family Life and Young Adult Work, Division of Christian Education, Chicago, Illinois, enhanced interest in the pro-

gram of this department. The attractive posters which were exhibited pointed the way to various activities for a Christian Home. These Institutes led to articles being sent by the conference chairmen to *The Christian Sun* for publication.

A copy of "The Family Celebrates Christmas," one of the Pilgrim Series Family Books and other literature, was sent each Conference Family Life Chairman in the fall of 1949 for them to suggest their use to their various societies. A group meeting was held at the Elon School of Missions last June to better acquaint the leaders with the materials and literature offered for developing Christian Family Living.

At the Eastern Virginia District Meetings, posters relative to this department were displayed and material for the observance of National Family Week, May 6-13, was suggested. A few weeks ago I sent to the editor of the Woman's page suggestions of places where literature could be obtained for activities in the churches relation to the timely topic, "Parents—Children—God." This is the theme to be discussed throughout our nation during Family Week.

A Family Life Travel Library has been available to any group who has expressed a desire for it. It behooves every mother to study, pray and live a Christian life within her own home. It is by precept and example the Youth of the land are led into the ways of Christian living.

I beseech each of you to so live that it may be said of you "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS GARLAND SPRATLEY, *Chairman*
Family Life Department.

REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL SUPERINTENDENT.

There is no statistical report since I do not have complete reports from the Conferences. However, interest seems to have increased and there are more societies doing Cradle Roll work. I have answerd many cards and letters in regards to the work.

The same plan of work of previous years has been followed; that is to divide the children into two age groups, working with parents and children with parties, programs, and materials.

The greatest drawback in this department is the lack of materials, especially books and stories. There is never more than one book to use with the mission study. This year it is Esa, A Little Boy of Nazareth, by E. Mildred Nevill. However, those of you who are looking for materials and books will find many useful ones listed in the Pilgrim Press Catalogue.

Just before starting this report I read a leaflet which is given to our Cradle Roll children to be used at home. This little leaflet which is called Home Guidance in Religion has a beautiful picture on the front, a story to go with it for the children on the back, and the two inside pages are filled with helpful suggestions and ideas for the parents to help with the child's religious growth. This particular issue reminds us that the pre-school years are the most important to a child's Christian development, because the parents have more time with him and the greatest opportunities to influence his activities; later they will find it very idfficult to change ways of acting and wrong attitudes that have been acquired.

I trust and pray that each member of our Convention will be more interested in the youngest department of our work and that the next biennium will show a greater increase in the number of societies promoting Cradle Roll work.

MRS. KENNETH REGISTER.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S SUPERINTENDENT.

To report acurately on the missionary education of children in The Southern Convention is an impossible task. We have no one method of missionary education. In Eastern Virginia there are active Junior Missionary Societies doing excellent work; in North Carolina and the Valley there are a few churches which do a good job through the regular Sunday school. One church takes care of the missionary education of its children during the Children's Church. We are not reaching all the children of The Southern Convention, but in certain spots here and there, we are

helping children to become missionary minded. The treasurer's report will tell how much the children of the Convention gave to missions during the last biennium, but it will not tell how children's interest have been caught by mission study books, or how their imaginations have been stirred.

Next year the children will be using the following books:

Home—Junior: *Hungry Hollow,* by Anna Rose Wright.
Primary: *Davey in the Sandhills,* by Anne M. Halladay.
Foreign—Junior: *Off to Brazil,* by Nina Millen.
Primary: *The Children Downstairs,* by Virginia Mazer and Hazel V. Orton.

A children's booklet will be included in the Woman's packet.

We further recommend the use of our Pilgrim Series literature with children in Sunday school. Since this is our own denominational literature, the writers can include material about our own missionaries and mission work, building it right into the curriclum courses. Certain courses are entirely missionary courses—the winter quarter of 1951, for instance. And many of the courses, while not primarily missionary, include illustrations of our missionary work. Each year at least one all church missionary project is suggested.

We also suggest use of the Family Books, many of which also contain missionary material.

MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN, *Supt.*

YOUNG PEOPLE'S REPORT.

Young people in The Convention work for missions in several different ways; through Missionary societies, Youth Fellowship groups, organized Sunday school classes and other organizations. This year Eastern Virginia young people combined the Young People's Missionary Conference and Pilgrim Fellowship into one organization called the Youth Fellowship and then suggested a missionary goal to each local organization and to young people in churches without any organization.

The young people of The Convention have launched a special Missionary Project: bringing a student from the Philippine Islands for two years of study in America. They have high hope for the project, feeling that one of the greatest needs in the world today is trained Christian leadership in as many countries as possible.

There have been some fine missionary speakers at the young people's Rallies and Conferences during the past two years; among the most interesting were Miss Elena Maquiso from the Philippine Islands, who attended several of the young people's camps last summer, and Timothy Chang who always make a fine impression wherever he speaks to our young people. Richard Jackson will attend all of the young people's camps and conferences in The Convention this summer. Missionary films have been used on many occasions by young people in local churches and in their group meetings.

The Women's Convention has produced and financed a young people's packet each year which has been well used and appreciated. I have attended Board meetings and Committee meetings of young people's groups during the biennium. We do not know how we can help most but believe that it is important to have an adult ready to offer services in missionary thinking and planning whenever needed. We believe in the idealism of young people and their important place in the affairs of the world today.

MRS. J. D. STRADER, *Superintendent.*

Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College, addressed the convention on "Information Along the Road," calling attention to the continuing needs, successes and aspirations of the college.

Mrs. W. B. Williams read the Recommendations which appear later in these minutes as the adopted report of the Recommendations Committee.

Dr. Wm. T. Scott came to the platform to introduce Rev. J. T. Stanley, Superintendent of Negro Work in the South, who made a strong appeal for Franklinton Center.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers gave the Treasurer's Report, which was adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

North Carolina Conference:			
1949-1950—Women	$8,176.72		
1950-1951—Women	8,030.20		
		$ 16,206.92	
1949-1950—Young People	$ 254.58		
1950-1951—Young People	165.19		
		419.77	
1949-1950—Juniors	$ 213.70		
1950-1951—Juniors	214.09		
		427.79	
1949-1950—Cradle Roll	$ 277.38		
1950-1951—Cradle Roll	268.68		
		546.06	
			$ 17,600.54
Virginia Valley Conference:			
1949-1950—Women	$ 680.69		
1950-1951—Women	760.47		
		$ 1,441.16	
1949-1950—Young People	$ 282.12		
1950-1951—Young People	192.94		
		475.06	
1949-1950—Juniors	$ 7.90		
1950-1951—Juniors	10.95		
		18.85	
1949-1950—Cradle Roll	$ 8.00		
1950-1951—Cradle Roll	13.85		
		21.85	
			1,956.92
Eastern Virginia Conference:			
1949-1950—Women	$6,631.60		
1950-1951—Women	6,859.54		
		$ 13,491.14	
1949-1950—Young People	$1,051.40		
1950-1951—Young People	1,022.61		
		2,074.01	
1949-1950—Juniors	$ 455.79		
1950-1951—Juniors	431.04		
		886.83	
1949-1950—Cradle Roll	$ 470.57		
1950-1951—Cradle Roll	451.77		
		922.34	
			17,374.32
Total Receipts from Conferences			$ 36.931.78
Convention Offering, 1949			71.00
Total for Biennium			$ 37.002.78
Received from School of Missions, 1949		$ 132.50	
Sale of Literature		123.45	
Received from School of Missions, 1950		19.13	
Sale of Literature		12.48	
Refund, Mrs. O. H. Paris, expenses to General Council		10.00	
			297.56
Total Receipts			$ 37.300.34
Cash in Bank, June 4, 1949			1,108.41
Total Receipts and Cash in Bank			$ 38,408.75

Disbursements.

Moorefield Florist	$ 5.15
Fisher Harrison Printing Co., Programs for 1949 Convention	36.00
Pilgrim Press, Young People's Packets	20.94
Suffolk Insurance Corp., premium on Treasurer's bond	18.75
B. A. Sellars & Sons, gift for Betty Chicoine	6.18
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., S. C. C., literature for packets	77.07
Board Home Missions, Div. C. Ed., 100 Jr. Hi. News Letter	6.00
Kenneth Register, Treas., Bd. C. Ed., Young People's Camp	148.35
Miss Helen Kenyon, Honorarium, School of Missions	50.00
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life Memberships and Memorials	240.00
Mrs. Leathers, exp., Elon; mimeographing Treas. reports	17.32
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., S. C. C., 1st Yr., 1st Qr., 1949-51	3,150.57
Methodist Publishing House, literature for Y. P. packets	35.60
Mrs. J. S. Rollings, cable, Rev. R. L. Jackson, Shaowu	4.18
Com. Woman's Work, Presby. Church, 15 "These are Written"	4.50
Gurley Press, 100 Clasp Envelopes, L. M. & M. Certificates	3.50
Missions Council, Literature for 1949-50 Packets	102.60
Council Social Action, 180 *Social Actions,* for Packets	18.00
Div. Christian Ed., Chicago, literature for Packets	2.70
Missions Council, Boston, leterature for Packets	41.77
Woman's Div. Christian Service, Meth. Ch., literature	10.00
Cuts, Speakers at School of Missions	7.85
Mrs. Wisseman, exp., Winchester, Meals for Board Members	20.94
Mrs. O. H. Paris, 2 meals, road, Winchester Bd. Meeting	1.42
American Bank, Check Book for Treasurer	3.75
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., S. C. C., 2nd Qr., 1st Yr, biennium	3,823.58
Div. Christian Ed., Bd. Home Missions, Literature	30.47
Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Board Meeting, Winchester, exp. fund	8.39
Ivan Cheatham, Puerto Rico, for Puerto Rican Goat	15.00
Mrs. R. L. House, meals to and from Winchester Meeting	2.60
Mrs. O. H. Paris, exp., Women's Natl Assembly, Cleveland	37.55
Mrs. W. B. Williams, car exp., Winchester Bd. Meeting	18.50
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life M. & M., 2nd Qr., 1st Yr.	880.00
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., exp., Bd. Meeting, Winchester	6.58
Int. Council, Religious Ed., 105 Youth Week Packets	27.80
Mrs. J. G. Truitt, exp., Women's Nat'l Assembly, Cleveland	43.09
Gurley Press, 300 Life Membership Certificates	7.50
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp., W. Nat'l Assembly, Cleveland	77.80
Dr. W. T. Scott, Gift to Silas and Timothy Chang	30.00
Dr. W. T. Scott, World Wide Mission, N. C. $65, Va. $15	80.00
Dr. W. T. Scott, W. W. M., Bay View, Va., $10; N. C., $8	18.00
Dr. W. T. Scott, Supt., 3d Qr., 1st Yr., Biennium 1949-51	6,076.13
Mrs. O. H. Paris, exp., Mid-Winter Meeting, Cleveland	125.00
Mrs. O. H. Paris, exp., supper, School of Missions Com.	8.50
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., L. M. & M., 3d Qr., 1st Yr.	40.00
Hotel Vance, Lunch, Bd. Members Meeting, Mar. 14, 1950	17.67
Pilgrim Press, Literature, Order No. 13520, Aug. 31, 1948.	155.00
Mrs, W. J. Andes, exp., Woman's page, C. S., phone, etc.	15.00
Mrs. Wisseman, car exp., Bd. Members, Mar. 12 Meeting	10.00
Mrs. G. Spratley, exp., Elon Meeting, School of Mis. Com.	11.00
Mrs. Tucker Humphries, exp., Henderson, Mar. 12, '50	9.37
Mrs. W. B. Williams, car exp., Henderson, Mar., 1950	15.00
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp., Friendly Service, materials, etc.	5.45
Southern Convention, C. C. C., exp., Yr. Bk, Thank Offering	93.22
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Vance Hotel, exp., Com. on Literature	6.20
Mrs. H. Shelton Smith, car exp., Henderson Meeting	6.35
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., S. C. C., 4th Qr., biennium	2,761.36
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas., Staley Memorial Fund	500.00
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life M. & M., 4th Qr., 1949-51	131.00

John G. Truitt, Jr., Y. P. Overseas Worker	67.00	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., Bd. Pub., Minutes in ANNUAL	80.40	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., Secretarial Help, Miss Coghill	150.00	
Suffolk Ins. Corp., premium, Treas. Bond, W. M. C.	18.75	
A. D. Pate & Co., Folders, School of Missions, and cut	38.50	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas, 1st Qr., 2d Yr., biennium	3,217.32	
J. G. Truitt, Jr., Treas., Overseas Worker Project	17.00	
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life M. & M., 1st Qr., 2d Yr.	210.00	
Gurley Press, 100 envelopes, 100 chip boards	3.75	
Mrs. O. H. Paris, Pres., exp. acct., July, '49-Jly, '50	28.50	
Vance Hotel, luncheon and tips, Bd. Members, Sept 12, 1950	23.89	
Mrs. O. H. Paris, Pres., exp., General Council, Cleveland	75.00	
Mrs. W. J. Andes, exp. as Editor, and to Sept. 12 Bd. Meeting	13.00	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas, papers, postage, stencils	16.72	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., 2d Qr., 2d Yr., biennium 1949-51	4,025.28	
Mrs. H. Shelton Smith, Secretary's exp. acct.	28.51	
Mrs. Paris, Pres., exp. acct., E. Va. W. C. and Elon Com.	7.29	
Christian Film Service, 3 Film Strips, $3 each	9.00	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp., Nat. Council Churches, Cleveland	50.00	
Pilgrim Press, "The Family Affair"	10.23	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., postage, mimeo., thru October	22.80	
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life M. & M., 2d Qr., 2d Yr.	840.00	
Mrs. O. H. Paris, Pres, exp., Mid-Winter Meeting, G. Rapids	165.00	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., 3d Qr., 2d Yr, biennium	2,616.24	
John G. Truitt, Supt., Christian Orphanage	47.50	
L. E. Smith., Pres., Thank Offering, Whitley Auditorium	2,832.92	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Treas., E. Va. Bd. Membs., Henderson	18.50	
Harry's Flowers, Greensboro, N. C.	7.50	
Hotel Danville, exp., Literature Committee meeting	30.60	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp., School of Missions Committee	31.50	
Hotel Vance, Henderson, lunch and tips, 17 Bd. Members	24.71	
Rev. R. L. Jackson, exp., Bd. Meet., Henderson, Mar 13	15.00	
Mrs. Wisseman, trans., Bd. Members, Henderson, Mar. 13	10.00	
Mrs. H. Shelton Smith, exp., Bd. Meet., Henderson	4.50	
Mrs. Whitten, exp., self & Mrs. Bryant, Henderson, Mar. 13	36.38	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp., Bd Meeting	16.00	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., telephone, mimeo., stamps	20.95	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp., self and Mrs. Leathers, Literature Committee meeting, Danville	21.45	
Mrs. F. C. Lester, exp., Bd. Meet. and supper, 3 members	5.38	
Bowden, Florist	10.00	
L. E. Smith, Pres., Thank Offering, Whitley Auditorium	272.87	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., 4th Qr., 2d Yr., biennium	2,648.35	
Mrs. Paris, Pres., exp. acct., August, 1950-April, 1951	16.31	
Mrs. W. T. Harrell, exp. acct., biennium 1949-51	13.69	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., Bd. Pub., for cuts, etc., in *Sun*	41,75	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., mimeographing and postage	7.54	
Mrs. J. S. Rollings, postage and telegram	3.04	
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Life M. & M	250.00	
Mrs. Leathers, Treas., Staley Memorial Fund	500.00	
Mrs. Leathers, exp. acct., 1950-51	11.00	
Total Disbursements		37,757.87
Balance in Bank, May 7, 1951		$ 650.88

SUMMARY.

Total Receipts and Balances	$ 38,408.75
Total Disbursements	37,757.87
Balance in Bank, May 7, 1951	$ 650.88

LIFE MEMBERSHIP & MEMORIAL FUND.

Cash in Bank, June 9, 1949, as certified by Bank	$ 1,738.36
Life Membership & Memorial Fund, June, 1949-April, 1951	2,591.00
Interest to date	46.08
Total Balance and Receipts	$ 4,375.44
Paid Geo. D. Colclough, Treas., So. Convention for Timothy Chang	1,500.00
Cash in Bank	$ 2,875.44

This is to certify that on this day, April 30, 1951, there is on deposit in the American Bank & Trust Co., Suffolk, Virginia, to the credit of Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Missionary Convention, Congregational Christian Churches, $2,875.44. (Life Membership & Memorial Fund.)

J. R. VANN, *Cashier,*
American Bank & Trust Co.

W. W. STALEY MEMORIAL FUND.

Cash in Bank, June 4, 1949, as certified by Bank	$ 1,987.71
Received from Woman's Missionary Convention, 1950	500.00
Premium on Bonds	75.00
Interest to date	41.49
Total Balance and Receipts	$ 2,604.20
Purchased United States Savings Bonds, Series G	2,000.00
	$ 604.20
Received from Woman's Missionary Convention, 1951	500.00
	$ 1,104.20
United States Savings Bonds, Series G	5,000.00
Total, W. W. Staley Memorial Fund to date	$ 6,104.20

This is to certify that on this 30th day of April, 1951, ther is on deposit in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, Suffolk, Va., to the credit of W. W. Staley Memorial Fund, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, $1,104.20.

S. G. HOWELL, *Cashier,*
The Farmers Bank of Nansemond.

The report of the Spiritual Life Committee was read by its chairman, Mrs. R. T. Bradford, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

During these days of world turmoil and confusion we are aware of the great need of an increased spiritual emphasis on those things which should be of great importance to us in our religious experiences. Our Convention Themes for the past biennium should have been a real inspiration to us as well as a challenge for deeper and enlarged spiritual growth: "We Dedicate Ourselves" and "Thy Will to Do." Unless we women by faith in God, through sacrifice and devotion, in repentance and in prayer constantly renew and strengthen our spiritual foundations, the time will not be distant when justice and law, which lie at the very heart of our civilization, will have vanished away. As a noted philosopher recently said: "Christians having a hold on the realities, will neither be easily deceived nor seduced by the illusions which threaten us."

We will find the Spiritual Life Department of our organization enriched and strengthened if we accept the six objectives as offered us in the plan and program of our Convention.

1. Cultivate personal religious growth.
2. Provide devotional services for group meetings.
3. Have a place for Bible study in our program.
4. Seek ways of reaching new and unchurched women.

5. Help each woman to find her place in the fellowship of our church.
6. Stimulate church attendance.

Realizing the miraculous power of prayer, we have each year urged you to establish among yourselves a "Fellowship of Prayer." At the begining of the Lenten season this year a copy of a beautiful daily prayer for peace was sent to the president of each local society, requesting that a copy of this prayer be given to each woman, asking you to stop for a period each day at noontime to pray for peace. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

For our recommended Bible Study 1949-50, we used the inspiring study of the Gospel of John. This study proved to be a great source of thought, giving a most comprehensive insight into the life of Christ and his ministry while on earth. Our Bible Study for this year 1950-51, "Great Bible Prayers" by Mrs. S. H. Askew, is an inspirational study of "Great Prayers, by great pray-ers from the greatest prayer book know to men!" We should experience a great growth in our lives as we have studied together these "Great Bible Prayers." "We may expect great things from God if we attempt great things through the study of his word."

For 1951-52 the recommended Bible Study will be the Presbyterian Bible Study of the Book of James. A guide for this Bible Study will be "Applied Christianity" by Samuel Glasgow. "These Things Abide" is a highly recommended guide book for the Leaders of the Circle Bible Study groups. Miss Lucy Steele, a great Bible student and teacher, will teach the Bible Study Course at the School of Missions in Elon in June. We are most fortunate to have secured Miss Steele for this great and important work. She will be an inspiration to those who may hear her.

May I recommend to you again that you use the "Guide Posts" published by the Woman's Work Committee of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches. This periodical will be of great help in your devotional programs. You will also find *Advance,* the National Journal of Congregational Christian Churches, and our own *Christian Sun* great sources of information and inspiration.

As I hand this department over to a new chairman, I would like to commend to you the following prayer, trusting the beautiful message may help you as it has others.

"Help us, Lord, to be masters of ourselves, that we may become the servants of others. Take our lips and speak through them, our minds and think through them, and take our hearts and set them on fire. Amen."

MRS. RUSSELL T. BRADFORD.

The afternoon session was adjourned.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was called to order by Mrs. O. H. Paris, president, and the hymn, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," was sung. The prayer was given by Rev. W. Millard Stevens, host pastor.

An address, "Tales of Road Makers," was delivered by Mr. Ken Stokes, president of the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship.

Following a beautiful solo rendered by Miss Jennie Lee Bradford, Superintendent Wm. T. Scott introduced Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, lately returned from our Shaowu Mission, who inspired the convention with her address on "Friendship on the Highroads."

Rev. Prakash S. Bhonsle, of India, and Timothy Chang, of China, were presented to the convention. Following the offering, the convention was adjourned with the benediction.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The session was opened with the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us," followed by prayer led by Mrs. F. C. Lester.

The following reports were read and adopted:

AUDIO AND VISUAL AIDS REPORT.

In making this report, your Audio and Visual Aids Chairman is placed in much the same position as the woman from Georgia who, during a church squabble, exclaimed, "We're just in the middle of a wonder what to do." Erasing all ideas of any squabble, the inference remains that your chairman is wondering how best to proceed with this report.

The work of our Visual Aids department has enlarged in scope and interest until it is impossible to give statistical report. We are now a real part of The Southern Convention Audio and Visual Aid department, with the Rev. Henry E. Robinson, chairman. Joint conferences and councils have been held, and cooperative plans have been launched. We are doing far more at this time in our Visual Aids work than we can report. Increasingly, our films and slides are being ordered directly from our Missions Council Visual Aids Department or from various commercial Visual Aids Companies; all of which indicates an enlarged program and is all to the good, yet leaves your chairman right in the "middle of the wonder" of how to report.

The Convention Office materials, equipment and other channels of service have been used extensively. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill reports that "Second Chance" has had a least 65 showings in our Southern Convention which means that several thousand have seen this splendid picture. Incidentally, "Second Chance" was used by over half of all Congregational Christian Churches last fall. "Family Affair" which our department purchased this year, has also proved quite popular and helpful.

All in all we are convinced that there is a real awakening in our Woman's Convention to the values of Visual Aids.

We have something new and fine to look forward to in September. "A Wonderful Life" will be available and *free*! This is the new 1951 Missions Council film, successor to "Second Chance" and promises to be even better. "A Wonderful Life" deals in fundamentals. It is the true story of a Christian family in Missouri; of how they faced life, and found meaning in it. It records the struggle of a man against poverty, the heart break of a girl seeing her beloved march off to war, the futility of a student faced with a world toppling over before her. But it is a happy film too, laughs, warm with love and affection. It will be available September 1st through our Convention Office.

You will be happy to learn too there is a fim strip provided to accompany our new Pilgrim Series Sunday School materials each quarter.

Two concrete suggestions for furthering the usefulness and effectiveness of our Visual Aids Department have grown out of conferences with The Southern Convention Committee and with Miss Coghill. We submit for your consideration:

1. By *"fixing"* and *adhering* to a service charge for films and slides from The Convention Office. This should take care of postage and damages. Previously, a service charge of $1.00 was set but not adhered to. At the request of our Executive Board of the Woman's Convention, your chairman conferred with The Southern Convention Chairman of Visual Aids and with Miss Coghill and we hereby suggest a service charge of 50c instead of $1.00.

2. That our Woman's Convention collectively or individually, contribute toward the Visual Aids Fund which is being sponsored by the Laymen of The Southern Convention. The goal is $375.00 and half of this amount has been given. The intention of The Convention Committee for this fund is to buy a sound projector, a record player, a splicer, a screen and an auxiliary amplifier. All of these would be used by *and* for the benefit of the entire Southern Convention.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. H. Blalock, treasurer, 114 E. Front Street, Burlington, N. C.

MRS. WILLIAM T. SCOTT *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

During the past two years you have shown great interest and have given your support to our project of helping educate Timothy Chang of Shaowu, China, at Duke University Divinity School. It is through your excellent cooperation that the pro-

ject has been completed financially. The statistical report for this biennium is as follows:

Life Memberships.

North Carolina	70	$ 700.00
Valley of Virginia	13	130.00
Eastern Virginia	88	880.00
Total Life Memberships	171	$1,710.00

Memorials.

North Carolina	38	$ 380.00
Valley of Virginia	5	50.00
Eastern Virginia	45	450.00
Total Memorials	88	$ 880.00
Grand Totai	259	$2,590.00

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL.

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD COMMITTEE ON TIMOTHY CHANG AND CHINESE MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

Your committee has endeavord to counsel with Timothy Chang on his training program and expenses.

Timothy has continued his studies at Duke Divinity School, and will graduate with the Bachelor of Divinity Degree on June, 4, 1951. He has made good grades and has been a favorite at Duke Divinity School, as well as among our churches. He has continued to visit many churches and church groups.

Since Rev. Richard L. Jackson returned from China, he has cooperated with our committee in helping to devise plans for Timothy's future. We have all been concerned with the turn of events in China which seem to make it impossible at this time for Timothy to return any time in the near future. His return now would imperial his life, in all probability. We have endeavored to work out with him plans whereby he may spend the next year profitably in study and service, awaiting the time when he can return to Shaowu.

At the present time, he is making plans to study at Hartford Theological Seminary, beginning in September, where he can get not only further training, but can have an opportunity for service. During the summer of 1951, he will work as a summer student in Bible school work among the churches of our Convention. Just as soon as the way is open for him to return to China, he will wish to do so, of course.

From the period June 1, 1949, through March 31, 1951, a period of 21 months, we submit the following financial report:

Receipts.

Balance June 1, 1949	$ 320.57
Contributions from individuals and churches	800.51
Missions Council for summer of 1950	105.00
Woman's Board	1,540.00
Total Balance and Receipts	$2,766.08

Disbursements.

Total disbursements for Timothy's living expenses, clothing and school expenses, and special Christmas gifts and clothing for Silas, his brother	$2,883.65

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. H. PARIS,
F. C. LESTER,
WM. T. SCOTT,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE FRIENDLY SERVICE CHAIRMAN.

"It is because we work in small groups and at seemingly small tasks that we so often lose the vision. We plan a program, arrange a worship center, set up a study group, provide a fellowship meal, gather supplies for a hospital or our overseas neighbors, urge voters to the polls. But each lowly task expresses our concern that the spirit of Christ shall come to fruition—everywhere among all people."—*The Manual.*

What is Fiendly Service?

Friendly Service is not another new plan. It is the time-honored channel through which women's groups have been providing sheets and pillow cases, surgeon's gowns, hospital dressings and other material needs for our schools, hospitals and other mission centers at home and abroad. The term includes various activities which change from time to time to meet current situations. It is an "over and above" service of our church women.

At the beginning, Friendly Service meant providing linens and supplies for mission school dormitories and hospitals through the *work of our hands.* In this day of ready made furnishing and clothing many supplies are purchased, but the two-fold purpose remains:

1. To provide the supplies.
2. To "learn by doing" more about our missionary institutions at home and abroad.

It is difficult to give a complete report on what has been accomplised through our Friendly Service actvities in The Southern Convention during the past biennium. For the year 1949-50 our Friendly Service gifts were designated for the migrants in the homeland; while our foreign project included gifts for Japan—to be sent to Miss Angie Crew at Kobe College and the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Q. McKnight of Doshisha University. When the reports were tabulated at the close of 1949-50, it was found that a very large percentage of our women's groups had contributed to the Friendly Service projects.

The list for 1950-51 included Community projects, Franklinton Center and the migrants for the homeland; and the Near East for the foreign projects—children's books to be sent to Dorothy Blatter at Istanbul, Turkey, and used clothing to be sent to Lebanon to be distributed by the Rev. Horace M. McMullen at Beirut. Of course, the current year's reports are not yet due, but I am confident the response has been just as fine as in previous years.

Now, for 1951-52 it has been suggested that we include Franklington Center, Ryder Memorial Hospital at Puerto Rico, Fort Berthold Indian Mission in North Dakota, and the Migrants on the present list for the homeland. For the foreign list, we will include Japan—the gifts to be sent to Miss Angie Crew and the McKnights; and also continue the gifts to Lebanon to be distributed by the Rev. Horace M. McMullen. Detailed information and addresses will be supplied by the Friendly Service Chairman.

It has been a real pleasure and a privilege to work in the Friendly Service Department during the past four years, and it is my prayer that the new chairman will be given the same cooperation I have enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,
Friendly Service Chairman.

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION EDITOR.

Mrs. W. J. Andes served as editor of the Woman's Page in *The Christian Sun* for the first eighteen months of this biennium. She did an excellent job of editing that page and has set a high standard for her successor to follow.

For the last six months it has been my pleasure to serve as your editor. This is work which I really enjoy and I appreciate the privilege of serving you in this way. There are four things which I try to do on our page:

1. Present items of denominational and interdenominational interest, such as the series of "Missionaries for Special Study," information about the work of the wom-

en's department of the National Council of Churches, and ways in which women can support the denominational program through their local churches.

2. Present programs for and reports of meetings of interest to women in The Southern Convention, such as Rallies, Women's Conferences, and the Woman's Convention.

3. Present the work of the various departments of our women's work in The Southern Convention, such as Friendly Service projects, plans for observance of Family Week, and Spiritual Life emphasis.

4. Present ideas, programs, projects from our local women's societies.

For the first of these items I am directly responsible. The officers of The Convention, Conferences, and Rallies are responsible for sending in material for the second and third. Responsibility for the last item must rest with the women in the local churches.

During the six months I have edited your page, I have been particularly pleased with the response which has come from the local societies. Every week, except when special issues of *The Sun* precluded our having a page, we have had material filling one page—and many times it has greatly exceeded that amount. My hope is that the officers will feel their responsibility for providing me with material concerning meetings and plans, and send it to me far enough in advance so that it can be printed in time to be of maximum service to our women.

All of you who have material for our page can help us have a well-rounded presentation of our work by sending your material to me. This will enable me to plan the page for each week, knowing exactly how much material has been sent in, and the nature of it. One of the privileges—and responsibilities!—of being an editor is to "edit." This means that sometimes I must "cut" your articles to fit the space available, or to avoid duplication. This I am sure you will all understand.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the women's page one of the best in *The Christian Sun.*

EMILY C. LESTER, *Editor.*

LITERATURE REPORT.

Women of The Southern Convention believe in literature for their work, willingly invest money in it, and make good use of it in their local societies. They have been most helpful in honestly appraising materials in the packets and in making suggestions for improvement. The response of the societies to our questionnaire about the packet delighted your committee of appreciation of materials invaluable. While the expression of appreciation of materials was most heartening there was indication that sometimes programs are not usable in local groups, either because they do not meet the interests of women or are too difficult to put on. All of this leads us to realize that we must ever be on the job to discover, or even to write, additional programs.

We have followed along in the footsteps of our predecessors in preparing the packets and are grateful for those in times past who set the standard and pattern for them.

Packets were prepared for use during the past two years by the Literature Committee. The theme for 1949-50 was "We Dedicate Ourselves" and the mission study themes, "Japan" and "Cooperation for a Christian Nation;" and the theme for 1950-51 was "Thy Will to Do" and the missionary themes "The Near East" and "Toward a Christian Community."

The packet for 1951-52 is well on its way to completion and will be ready for distribution at the Elon School of Missions in June. The theme for the year is the one used at this Convention, "A Highway for Our God" and the foreign mission theme is "Latin America" (with special material on our Congregational Christian work in Mexico and for the observance of our one hundredeth anniversary in the Micronesian Islands), and the home theme is "Churches for Our Country's Needs."

The packet will again contain the Bible Study Book, the mission study books (for those societies desiring them); and a Year Book designed especially for use in local societies. A year-book for children's workers will be added. An experiment with printing rather than mimeographing, the Year Book last year met with almost

unanimous approval and 700 copies were printed. The supply was exhausted early in the year and we already have more requests for the coming year.

The Young People's packet is a tremendous undertaking. Originally the women planned to provide a packet of program suggestions for monthly meetings. There are now groups which expect program material for fifty two weekly meetings! This is an impossible task even by our National Young People's department, and they with us realize that the need for good program material for local young people's groups is our greatest need in young people's work. For this reason, a whole morning's session will be devoted to a discussion of local programs when The Southern Convention young people's officers and counselors meet at Cypress Chapel May 4, 5. While we are attempting the "almost impossible," efforts to produce a young people's packet seem to be appreciated and the young people depend upon it more than we usually realize for their meetings. A packet will be produced this year.

Your committee arranged for books on consignment from Pilgrim Press for sale at the School of Missions, the fall conferences, the rallies, and the same arrangement will be made this year. It is impossible to accurately record the amount of office work involved in the work of this committee because letters and materials are sent all through the year. Our one recommendation to the women of The Convention in the matter of literature would be that you purchase all of your materials for the year (not just the packets) at the School of Missions. This would allow us to spend more time in helping local groups to use the materials in a better way!

We are grateful to all who have cooperated with us, and we feel that this is most of you. Together, we can do an increasingly effective job.

PATTIE LEE COGHILL, *Crairman,*
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,
MRS. TUCKER HUMPHRIES,
VERDIE SHOWALTER.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

(From 1928 to 1938, inclusive.)

While this report is concerned with the events of a later date, it seems fitting that a brief history be given of the host church. We are meeting today with a church that is compartively young, but the roots of the Christian Temple run far into our denominational history. It represents the merger of three churches—Providence, Memorial Christian Temple and the Third Christian Church. Providence was organized in 1804 and became one of the foremost churches of the Conference. It was served by some of the ablest ministers of the denomination, many representative families worshipped there during the more than one hundred years of its existence. The Memorial Christian Temple was organized under the labors of the outstanding Dr. C. J. Jones. It too, had an interesting history. It was predominantly a missionary church. Under the leadership of Dr. J. P. Barrett, the congregation was fired with missionary zeal. The day of the annual missionary offering became the red letter one of the year. The membership thrilled as the offering increased from year to year until it reached $1,300.00. This was sent to the Mission Board for the support of the church's own missionary in Puerto Rico, and the cancelled check was framed and hung on the walls of the church. The women of Memorial Christian Temple were the first to reorganize their Missionary Society under the new setup of the Woman's Missionary Convention. (That first president is here today.) The Third Church was organized in 1907, and grew rapidly until the merger. This building was opened in March 1924, and just six weeks later the Woman's Missionary Convention met here in conjunction with The Southern Convention, as was the custom at that time.

Dr. L. E. Smith, the pastor, was happy to "show off" the Temple in its new beauty. Those of you here today who were present then will remember that the Ladies' Bible Class room afforded ample space for the delegates and visitors of this meeting. (The events of this session have been previously recorded).

When The Convention met with the First Christian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, April 29, 1930, no longer would one of the class rooms afford ample space. This session was marked by a large increase in attendance. The reports showed all departments were making definite progress. The Superintendent of Life Member-

ships and Memorials reported that to this date 129 certificates had been issued. The Convention Editor was preparing programs for the societies of each Conference. The Spiritual Life Department had given increased interest in Bible Study. The Convention stood in recognition of the splendid work done by Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Superintendent of Young People. The Young People's Conferences were now well organized. With us, at this session, were two outstanding speakers—Mrs. C. P. Garmon, one of our missionaries to Japan, and Mrs. John Ferguson, president of the National Council of Protestant Church Women. Everyone present will long remember the message that each speaker brought. The total biennial offering was $25,449.07.

The tenth session was held in the First Christian Church, Burlington, April 26, 1932 and was marked by still increased interest, especially in mission study classes. Outstanding speakers had been secured for the District Rallies and Conferences. A standard of Excellence was being used in all societies. Another forward step was the consideration of a part time secretary to help strengthen the work. Dr. J. O. Atkinson, and Dr. Charles Burton addressed the meeting.

The eleventh session met with the Suffolk Christian Church, May 1, 1934, and was a gala affair with the largest attendance to that date. Thirty ministers and many visitors were present. Mrs. C. H. Rowland, our first president, and guiding light through the years, sounded a note of optimism in a resume of our work since its organization. Miss Eunice Thomas of Foochow, China, told of her experience with "Oriental Problems." The goal for the next biennium was $27,000.00. Mrs. J. A. Williams resigned and Mrs. W. R. Sellars became the fifth president.

The next and twelfth session met again with the Burlington Church, April 28, 1936. This too, was largely attended. The number of ministers present was evidence of the loyal support they had given our work. All officers in presenting their reports felt that a high spiritual level had been reached. Dr. J. O. Atkinson gave a survey of work since 1913. Miss Olive Green, of Smyrna, Turkey, spoke on "World Wide Objectives." Plans for the great Silver Jubilee to be held in 1937 were lanunched. Mrs. C. H. Rowland conducted a very reverent memorial service for our third president, Mrs. W. H. Carroll, who passed away November 5, 1935. Mrs. W. R. Sellars resigned making Mrs. John G. Truitt our sixth president.

Our last session to be held with The Southern Convention met with the First Christian Church, Portsmouth, April 28, 1938. The highlight of this session was a report on the Silver Anniversary Service held in the Suffolk Christian Church, May 13, 1937. Dr. W. W. Staley was memorialized by this occasion, and very fittingly so as he was the founder of this organization, and followed each movement with his ever wise counsel. The Staley Memorial Fund was discussed and referred to the Woman's Board for further study. The revised Constitution was read, and the request of the committee for more time to prepare the same was granted.

The Convention was saddened by the announcement of Miss Victoria Edward's death. She was better known to us as "Our Victoria of the Hills" (Fancy Gap, Va.). A letter of condolence was sent to her family.

The 1938 session found the Young People and Women interested in many phases of mission work. The women had helped different stations in China, Japan, and India, and many needy points here at home. The Young People showed great interest in their contributions to Santa Isabel, the Mountain Work, the Sendai Field. The Board was now composed of eleven members. There were 89 Women's Societies; 48 Young People's; 25 Junior's; 34 Cradle Rolls, total 196. Total receipts for the biennium $18,289.84.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. W. STAGG.

In the absence of Mrs. Robert A. Whitten, Mrs. F. C. Lester read the following report on Inter-Denominational Cooperation, which was adopted as read.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

"Ecumenical" is an old word that is taking a new meaning for the church as a whole and particularly for church women who are happily at work helping build the Kingdom in the many fields of service which are constantly opening to women.

"Of the whole household of faith" or "the whole household of God, all nations and all branches of the church" are phrases peculiarly appropriate to those who constitute that fellowship of believers who are working unitedly, a Christian army under one flag, with one purpose, that the name of Christ shall be exalted and that men and women be brought to a saving knowledge of Him whom to know a right is life eternal.

New avenues of service are continually opening to women who have found that when the best of each denomination's program is contributed into one melting pot, the result is one great whole; interdenominational, with preference for no particular race or creed, powerful and effectual. The forces of evil are united; so, indeed, must be the forces of righteousness.

The three days for special emphasis, World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Day and World Community Day are times when church women are uniting in ways that are proving helpful in local societies. Reports received, which are by no means complete, show that an increased number of societies are observing these days each biennium. The themes, "Peace is Possible," "Love Thy Neighbor," "Faith for Our Time," "Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear," "Our Daily Bread" and "Thank God for Work," selected materials prepared and gift projects suggested by the United Council of Church Women have been appropriate, inspiring and helpful. It is evident that many women of our own denomination have found a new joy as they worked with women of other churches in committees and as they worshipped together on these special days.

The Ecumenical Register, launched in October 1949, was an attempt to give our Christian women of America a new sense of oneness as they contributed their $1 and "stood up to be counted." The registration reported in Cincinnatti in November, 1950 was 367,428. The Assembly voted that the funds from the Register be used for endowment and emergency, for the necessary expenses of setting up the new General Department of United Church Women, and for ecumenical education and fellowship within the state, across the nation and around the world, the funds to be administered and reported periodically by a committee of which Mrs. Fred Luchs, Athens, Ohio, is chairman. The work done for the Register has accomplished much as it stimulated a new interest in Christians working together. It was decided to keep the Register open actively until May Fellowship Day, 1951. I do not have the exact figures on our Convention registration but am sure that we are far from 100 per cent enlisted among the First Million women. The million mark has not yet been realized but the feeling that we are more united in plan and purpose and program is evident.

It was during our last biennium, on Wednesday morning, November 28, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio, that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. was born. Made up of twenty-nine constituent denominations and eight merging agencies, linking 32,000,000 Christians in 150,000 churches across the land, this was a great moment in religious history. This action also means a closer union and a new united program of Protestant Church women.

There has not been a day in the history of our world when the earth's people seemed more bewildered, when the forces of darkness seemed more threatening. Likewise, there has not been a day when women were more recognized as a power. Is there any limit, then, to what Christian women can do, unitedly to exalt the Christ and present Him to a world in desperate need of a Savior? Who knows but that "thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Remembering the prayer of our Master that "they all may be one" may the women of The Southern Convention accept the challenge. May we unite with women of other denominations as we accept our responsibilitites and seize our opportunities in this day when we of the ecumenical church, of "the household of faith," have a job to do—an assignment from God.

MRS. R. A. WHITTEN, *Chairman.*

Mrs. W. B. Williams, who represented the convention at the organizational meeting of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America at Cleveland, Ohio, in November, 1950, gave a full and interesting report of that meeting.

The report of the Finance Committee was made and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee recommends:

1. That we accept with grateful appreciation the report of the Treasurer, as certified by Mr. J. R. Vann of the American Bank and Trust Company and Mr. S. G. Howell of the Farmer's Bank, of Nansemond, Suffolk, Virginia.

2. That the goal for the next biennium be $36,200 (Thirty-six Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars) to be divided as follows

Eastern Virginia	$17,000
North Carolina	17,000
Virginia Valley	2,200

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. ANDES,
MRS. WM. T. HARRELL,
MRS. J. E. BRYANT.

The report of the Constitution Committee, presented by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, was considered and voted upon by sections. It was then, on motion, adopted as a whole as follows:

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 3 (c). Any vacancies in officers, departments and standing committees shall be filled by the Executive Board of the Convention or the president, to serve until the next session of the Convention.

Shall read:

Section 3 (c). Any vacancies in officers, departments and standing committees shall be filled by the Executive Board upon nomination of the Nominating Committee, to serve until the next session of the Convention.

Section 3 (d). A Nominating Committee composed of five shall be appointed by the president at least three months before the regular session of the Convention. The committee shall make nominations for all officers, departmental superintendents, and chairmen of standing committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Shall read:

Section 3 (d). A Nominating Committee composed of five shall be elected by the Convention in biennial session, upon nomination of the Executive Board. Three members of the committee shall be elected one biennium and two members, the next biennium. The committee shall make nominations for all officers, departmental superintendents, and chairmen of standing committees; nominations may also be made from the floor.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the Convention officers, departmental superintendents, chairmen of standing committees, and presidents of the constituent conferences.

Shall read:

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the Convention officers, departmental superintendents, chairmen of standing committees, and presidents of the constituent conferences. The immediate past president of the Woman's Convention shall be a member for one biennium.

By-laws.

Section 3. *Convention Biennium*—The fiscal year of The Convention shall by May 1 to April 30. Financial reports shall be of this date.

Shall read:

Section 3. *Convention Biennium*—The Convention biennium shall be from adjournment of one regular session to adjournment of the next. The fiscal year of The Convention shall be January 1 to December 31.

MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN.

Mrs. W. B. Williams presented the following report of the Recommendations Committee. Eash recommendation was adopted as read, and then it was moved and carried to adcpt the report as a whole as follows:

REPORT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE.

1. We recommend that the Life Memberships and Memorials Fund for the next biennium be used to renovate the buildings at Franklinton Center and that the funds go through our Mission Board and the Board of Home Missions as an Authorized Special, to be administered by the Board of Trustees of Franklinton Center, and that a committee of three women be appointed to work with the Board of Trustees of Franklinton Center in administering the fund

2. We recommend that the year the Woman's Convention is in session that the Convention decide on the Thank Offering project, and on alternate years the executive board have power to decide on a project. Those actions to be final.

3. We recommend that the Thank Offering for the year 1951-1952 go to the International Christian University in Japan.

4. We recommend that the local society treasurers send their quarterly reports to the conference treasurer not later than the 15th day of December, March, June and September.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,
MRS. ROBERT LEE HOUSE,
MRS. R. A. WHITTEN.

Mrs. J. D. Strader, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Nominations. Upon motion, the report of the committee was adopted, and the nominees were elected as follows:

OFFICERS FOR THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Chairman of Nominating Committee—Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle.
President—Mrs. W. B. Williams.
Vice-President and Friendly Service—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Raye Knight.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. S. Rollings.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. V. Leathers.
Historian—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.
Editor—Mrs. F. C. Lester.
Spiritual Life—Mrs. Duane Vore.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. Tucker Humphries.
Literature—Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. H. E. Robinson.
Family Life—Mrs. Garland Spratley.
Visual Aids—Mrs. W. T. Scott.
Young People—Mrs. Millard Stevens.
Children—Miss Julia Woodson
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Carl Wallace
Member at Large—Mrs. O. H. Paris.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. STRADER, *Chairman*,
MRS. MARK W. ANDES,
MRS. J. ROLLIE GAYLE,
MRS. W. MILLARD STEVENS.

Miss Susie Allen and Mrs. Russell Bradford were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for four years and Mrs. H. F. Nelson and Mrs. Shelton Smith for two years. The chairman was elected for four years.

The report of the Courtesy Committee was read by Mrs. Russell V. Powell, chairman, and upon motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COURTESY COMMITTEE.

The Courtesy Committee would like to express appreciation for all those who have helped to make our Convention a success in the following ways:

1. To the Convention officers who, through their work, have led us in our endeavors during the biennium and whose excellent reports have been an inspiration to even better work.

2. To those who planned and are executing our Convention sessions so effectively.

3. To The Southern Convention office and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill for their many services of cooperation in carrying on the work of the Woman's Convention.

4. To the pastor and members of the Norfolk Temple, who by their many expressions of hospitality have made our visit so enjoyable and successful.

5. To the organist and the soloist who have added much to the inspiration of our sessions.

6. To Mrs. J. Monroe Harris for so effectively setting our minds to our theme "A Highway for Our God" in her devotional service.

7. To Dr. L. E. Smith, Rev. J. T Stanley, Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Mr. Ken Stokes and Rev. Mr. Bhonsle, for their challenging messages.

8. To our retiring president, Mrs. O. H. Paris for her fine Christian spirit in her many activities as our leader.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RUSSELL V. POWELL,
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,
MRS. A. L. GRANGER, JR.

Mrs. L. W. Vaughan gave the report on Credentials and Registrations. There were present: from Eastern Virginia, 104; Valley of Virginia, 6; North Carolina, 78; total, 188.

Mrs. O. H. Paris gave her final report as president and the message, "Roads We Have Travelled Together." Dr. Scott suggested that it be filed with the Convention Minutes, and that a copy be sent to *The Christian Sun* for publication. Mrs. W. B. Williams, vice-president, took the chair to receive such a motion. It was made and unanimously carried. Mrs. Truitt asked for a standing vote of thanks to Mrs. Paris for the faithful service which she had given during her term of office.

The report follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S CONVENTION PRESIDENT.

It would be difficult for me to bring you a detailed or statistical report of what I, as president of the Woman's Convention, have been doing during the past biennium. I'm sure you are aware that a president's duties and opportunities are many and varied. Her interest and activities cannot center on any one phase of the work, but must be ever alert to promote the whole job—just as she must not only seek to advance the work on the local and state level, but must also be mindful of the responsibility and compelling task of the denomination as a whole. Though working for the most part under difficulty, I have tried during the biennium to promote the work of the denomination and particularly the work of the Woman's Convention. This I have done through Boards, Conferences, Committees and local societies.

Aside from our own Conference, Boards, and Committees, I have served on the Mission Board and Executive Board of The Southern Convention and on various Committees of those Boards. Have acted as Chairman of the Advisory Committee to administer funds for Timothy Chang.

It was a real pleasure to represent you at several National denominational and interdenominational meetings where my mind was enlighted and my sould uplifted

as I listened to great speakers and made friends with rich personalities. I represented you officially at the General Assembly of Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Women in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1949. At the General Council in Cleveland, Ohio in June, 1950, I was asked to present the Foreign Mission study theme, "The Near East" to the pre-sessions of the Women's group, also at that meeting I took part in the Dedication Service of the Woman's gift. Twice during the biennium I attended the Mid-winter meetings of the Mission Council, sharing in the meetings of the Women State Presidents prior to the meeting of the Council. Each year I was asked to report to that group some phase of our work here in The Southern Convention. For the past two years I have served on the Executive Committee of the Women State Presidents.

One of the biggest and most worthwhile projects during my term of office was the trip to the United Nations. There were twenty-three women representing all the Conferences in the Convention. Brief reports of the visit will be given at this meeting.

These are a few of the major activities that have claimed my time and attention as we have traveled the road together. I feel that we have made progress during these four years—that the highway is a bit straighter because of our labors together.

Today, I step aside from my place of leadership and fall in line with you and you who day by day seek to make straight the Highway for Our God. Four years is a long time in some ways, but these four years that I have served as your president have passed very quickly. They have been busy days and happy days, bringing to me some of the richest experiences of my life. Of course, there have been difficult problems to face—times when we almost faltered by the wayside, but always you have come to the rescue, often with personal notes of encouragement and I knew that you walked beside me, with your hand at my elbow so that I fell not when I stumbled. Together we have traveled on, each one placing her stone in the proper place to make a firm foundation for those who walk the road after us.

There are many whom I would like personally to thank for their consecration and loyal support, for their consciousness of the needs of the world and their eagerness to help meet those needs; the Woman's Executive Board, the District Chairmen, Dr. Scott and the Convention office personnel, Pattie Lee Coghill and her secretary, Ruth Dunn, pastors of local churches, women in city churches, women in small town churches and women in churches in wide country places—all have spent endless hours of time and talent to make our program effective—to build a Highawy whereby men may travel toward God.

Today that road is unfinished, there are many stones yet to be laid, particularly on the roads that lead out from God's highway. Always the wide and smooth road will be crowded with travelers but few there are who seek the by-ways and hedges where the going is rough—the roads of love and service and sacrifices that carry away from self and bring God's power to meet men's need. These are the roads you and I must travel in the days ahead.

I'm sure you join with me in saying to our new leader that we pledge to her our support for the journey ahead realizing that only as we walk together will Christ be known.

MRS. O. H. PARIS, *President.*

The president instructed the corresponding secretary to write notes to Mrs. Spratley and Mrs. J. F. Morgan, who had serious illness in their families, and to send greetings to Mrs. W. A. Harper and Mrs. W. R. Sellars, past convention presidents.

Rev. Richard Jackson, assisted by Timothy Chang and Rev. Prakash S. Bhonsle, conducted the installation service for the new officers, and with prayer closed the twentieth biennial session of the Woman's Missionary Convention.

MRS. O. H. PARIS, *President,*
MRS. H. SHELTON SMITH, *Secretary.*

Minutes of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference

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LEAKSVILLE CHURCH, LURAY, VIRGINIA,
THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1951.

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MORNING SESSION.

THEME: *"A Highway for Our God."*

The Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference met in its twenty-fourth annual session, July 26, 1951, with the Leaksville Church. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by the president, Mrs. J. E. Bryant. After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. E. J. Rohart held the morning devotionals on the theme: "Roads of Awakening."

The visitors and ministers were then recognized. The roll call of churches and societies showed eleven societies represented.

The District Superintendents gave their reports, and they were adopted and recorded in the secretary's book. Each superintendent stressed the hope that more societies be organized. All societies were reported using the packets and study books, and are showing progress.

Mrs. Noah Painter gave the report on Spiritual Life. This report urged that we read our Bibles more; that we rededicate and reconsecrate our lives to His cause; that the Bible is our foundation for spiritual living, and that our faith in Him is our fortress against trouble and sorrow in this torn world. It stated that if we attend worship regularly, have family altars and strive to be faithful, God will honor His word that many souls will be added to the Kingdom.

Mrs. Robert Whitten, superintendent of Friendly Service, made her report. She told who, what and where were needed our Friendly Service gifts. If we could accustom ourselves to Friendly Service as a service to a friend, as an opportunity, rather than an obligation, and a privilege rather than a responsibility, the Master's "inasmuch" would take on a new meaning. Shall we accept our goal this year, One Home and one Foreign Friendy Service project in each society?

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented literature and books to be used in 1951 and 1952.

The history of the Valley Conference was given by Mrs. B. F. Frank.

Mrs. E. J. Rohart, superintendent of Family Life, made her report. She stressed this as one of the most important in our program of activities. She emphasized the glory and power of home; the development of the home to its highest level of life one of our great needs; the fall of homes under the stress and strain of modern life has become a menace to the stability of our nation. She stated that the home founded upon the Rock, Christ Jesus, will stand. Reports of each church are recorded.

Mrs. Harold Rhodes gave the Life Membership and Memorial report,

followed by Mrs. Bryant's recognition of all life members with a purple ribbon.

The following committees were appointed:

Nominating—Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. Willie Good, Mrs. Bertha Kratzer, Miss Virginia Mason, Mrs. Lena Sours.

Recommendations—Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. Robert Whitten, Mrs. Kermit Kibler, Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb.

Place—Mrs. Grace Wood, Mrs. Harold Rhodes.

Mrs. Pearl Hemingway, president of the National Woman's Fellowship, gave an address on "Six Guide Posts to a Highway for Our God." Following the address an offering was taken amounting to $18.38.

The Conference adjourned for lunch after prayer by Rev. S. E. Madren.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened by the singing of a hymn.

The Winchester young people had charge of the worship service.

There was special music by the Leaksville Society.

Mrs. K. D. Dofflemyer, Young People's Superintendent; Mrs. Austin Kipps, Junior and Cradle Roll Superintendent; Mrs. Orville Hoover, Interdenominational Superintendent, and Miss Verdie Showalter, Literature Superintendent, each presented their reports showing progress and giving suggestions for each of their groups. These reports were adopted as a whole.

A round-table discussion was led by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance July 27, 1950		$ 57.57
Receipts.		
Conference Offering		15.76
Women's Missionary Socities:		
Apportionments	$ 505.04	
Thank Offerings	109.60	
Life Memberships	70.00	
Memorials	20.00	
Friendly Service	10.00	
World Day of Prayer Offering	13.70	
Rally	41.80	
		$ 770.14
Young People's Socities:		
Apportionments	$ 130.01	
Thank Offerings	32.75	
		162.76
Junior Socities:		
Apportionments		8.25
Cradle Roll:		
Offering		15.30
Total Receipts and Balance		$1,029.78
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Miss Helen F. Smith	$ 25.00	
Pifer Printing	7.00	
Mrs. H. T. Hensley (note book)	1.98	

Mrs. N. F. Painter	2.00	
Treasurer's Bond	5.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer	91.86	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer	10.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer	10.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer	206.54	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer	286.66	
United Council of Church Women	13.70	
Rev. R. L. Jackson	10.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer	295.89	
		967.20
Balance in Bank, July 1, 1951		$ 62.58

SENT IN BY SOCIETIES.

Antioch	$ 153.00	Mt. Olivet (G)	10.00
Bethel	155.40	Mt. Olivet (R)	35.00
Concord	5.00	New Hope	47.15
Leaksville	161.10	Newport	55.00
Linville	117.00	Winchester	183.00
Mayland (rally)	10.90	Wood's Chapel	38.00
Mt. Lebanon	3.40		
		Total	$ 973.95

MRS. H. F. NELSON, *Treasurer.*

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

Women's Socities.

Antioch	$ 50.00	Mt. Olivet (R)	25.00
Bethel	50.00	New Hope	30.00
Bethlehem	25.00	Newport	50.00
Dry Run	10.00	Winchester	100.00
Leaksville	100.00	Whistler's Chapel	10.00
Mt. Lebanon	5.00	Wood's Chapel	10.00
Linville	75.00		
		Total	$ 550.00

Young People.

Antioch	$ 50.00	New Hope	15.00
Bethel	20.00	Winchester	20.00
Linville	25.00		
		Total	$ 130.00

Juniors.

Bethel	$ 5.00	Winchester	5.00
New Hope	10.00	Wood's Chapel	5.00
		Total	$ 25.00

We ask an offering from each Cradle Roll and suggested amounts from the following churches and Ladies Aid:

Mayland	$ 10.00
Concord	10.00
Palmyra	5.00
Timber Ridge	25.00
Mt. Olivet (G)	25.00
Total	$ 75.00

MRS. DEWEY DOFFLEMYER,
MRS. E. J. ROHART,
VERDIE SHOWALTER.

The Committee on Recommendations reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That Life Membership and Memorials fund be used to renovate the buildings at Franklinton Center.

2. That the Thank Offering for 1951-52 go to the International Christian University in Japan.

3. That the local society treasurer send quarterly report to the conference treasurer on the fifteenth day of December, March, June and September.

4. That the Valley Conference year run from October 1 to September 30, and that the Annual Conference to be on day set by Executive Board.

5. That a carvan to be sponsored by Executive Board to visit local churches for purpose of creating interest in woman's work.

MRS. EDGAR NELSON,
MRS. R. A. WHITTEN,
MRS. E. LENA ROTHGEB,
MRS. KERMIT KIBLER.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. We wish to express our appreciation to all those who planned and participated in program today.

2. We consider it a privilege of having heard Mrs. Hemingway speak on "Highways for Our Lord."

3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to Leaksville for their generous hospitality.

EVA HOSAFLOOK,
ELIZABETH SHOWALTER,
IVIE FRANK.

The Nominating Committee reported, and the following officers were elected:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs. J. E. Bryant.
Vice-President—Mrs. E. J. Rohart—Friendly Service Chairman.
Secretary—Mrs. Kermit Kibler.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. F. Nelson.
Superintendents:
Young People—Mrs. Dewey Dofflemyer.
Spiritual Life—Mrs. Pearl Painter.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. Robert Whitten.
Literature—Miss Verdie Showalter.
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. Orville Hoover.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Austin Kipps.
Family Life—Mrs. Mary Davis.
Juniors—Mrs. Rachel Miller.

MRS. A. W. ANDES,
MRS. WILLIE GOOD,
MRS. BERTHA KRATZER,
MISS VIRGINIA MASON,
MRS. LENA SOURS.

The secretary was asked to write each society and to determine where Conference will meet next year. The secretary was also asked to notify each church of their quota and what each Aid Society is asked to donate.

Rev. R. A. Whitten conducted the installation of new officers.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *President,*
MRS. HOWARD T. HENSLEY, *Secretary.*

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INGRAM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
OCTOBER 2, 1951.

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MORNING SESSION.

The thirty-ninth annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Confernece was held on October 2, 1951 at Ingram Congregational Christian Church, Ingram, Virginia. The theme of the meeting was "A Highway for Our God."

The president, Mrs. W. J. Andes, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a. m., and the theme hymn, "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying," was sung. Mrs. Andes introduced the Spiritual Life superintendent, Mrs. Carl Wallace, who led a devotional service.

Dr. W. T. Scott recognized the ministers, ministers' wives and guests who were present.

Each district superintendent who was present was recognized, and each called the roll of societies in her district and had each church group stand. The following reorganized and new societies were reported: Calvary in the Greensboro District, Gibsonville in the Burlington District, Oak Level in the Henderson District, Hope Mills in the Sanford District, and Auburn in the Raleigh District.

The president appointed the following committees:

Nominating—Mrs. J. G. Truitt, Mrs. H. G. Ballinger, Mrs. Roland Isley.
Place—Mrs. P. R. Hall.
Recommendations—Mrs. W. T. Scott, Mrs. O. H. Paris.
Courtesy—Mrs. J. B. Newman, Mrs. G. H. Veazey, Mrs. Clyde Koon.

The Treasurer's Report was read and adopted, with a vote of thanks to Miss Allen, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Women's Societies	$8,188.56
Young People	119.51
Junior Societies	227.10
Cradle Rolls	245.63
Conference Offering (Liberty, Vance)	114.38
Rally Offerings:	
Burlington and Greensboro	39.98
Raleigh and Henderson	34.73
Total Receipts	$8,969.89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Mission Board, Southern Convention, for:		
Thank Offerings	$1,354.93	
Life Memberships	390.00	
Memorials	140.00	
Franklinton Center	158.50	
Mr. and Mrs. Chiu Hsien Bao	180.00	
United Christian University of Japan	114.38	
Elon College Orphanage	47.50	
Reconstruction Work	38.68	
Lebanon Work	15.25	
Migrant Work	10.00	
Carroll County Mission	2.50	
Dr. Riggs' Work in India	25.77	
To Educate a Child in India	10.00	
Timothy Chang's Summer Work	13.00	
Cent-a-Meal Offering	13.09	
Home Missions	6.05	
Missions—General Fund	6,001.73	
		$8,521.43
U. C. C. W. Offerings for three special days		77.72
North Carolina Council of Church Women		35.00
North Carolina Migrant Workers		15.00
Meetings, Speakers, Supplies, Space in ANNUAL, etc.		320.74
Total Disbursements		$8.969.89

SUSIE D. ALLEN, *Treasurer.*

A motion was made and carried that any money coming to Miss Allen from Young People's Groups be sent to the treasurer of the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship.

Mrs. Tucker Humphries, Literature Superintendent, with the help of several women from the Reidsville Church, presented a clever and informative skit, "Your Packet Speaks."

Mrs. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of Family Life, presented her report and asked for an expression of interest in a Family-Life kit of books to be purchased by and circulated through the Conference.

Mrs. S. L. Mauldin, Friendly Service Superintendent, presented the friendly service projects in a most interesting way by the use of posters, comments and display of suggested articles. Several women helped her to conclude her presentation with an impressive candle lighting service.

Mrs. Andes introduced Rev. Morton Kurtz, new executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, who gave a challenging talk about the aid required to administer to the migrant labor as the church sees their need.

Mrs. F. C. Lester, the chairman of the Convention Thank Offering Committee, presented the project for which our thank offering will go this year—the Japanese International Christian University.

The motion was made and carried that our morning offering go for the work of migrants in North Carolina. An offering of $80.02 was received, and Dr. Scott led in the singing of the Doxology as dedication of the offering.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill introduced our speaker, Dr. W. W. Sloan, who told of his trip this summer to Latin America.

The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Rev. F. C. Lester.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. H. E. Robinson, Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials, opened the afternoon session with a hymn and led the group in a memorial service.

Our work in Interdenominational Cooperation was presented by the superintendent, Mrs. B. B. Johnson.

Mrs. Carl R. Key, Superintendent of Children's Work, gave an informative talk on some new ideas for children's work and displayed various books, projects, etc., which she recommended.

Mrs. Clyde Fields, Superintendent of Young People, gave her report and urged us to help with the organization of Young People's Groups in our local churches where there is no organization.

Mrs. Andes introduced Mrs. W. B. Williams, president of the Southern Convention Woman's Missionary Board, who brought us a message on "Surveying the Highway"

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, member of the National Board of Home Missions of our denomination, gave a challenging view of "Churches for Our Country's Need in North Carolina."

Mrs. John G. Truitt, chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the following report:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs. W. J. Andes.
Vice-President—Mrs. S. L. Mauldin.
Secretary—Mrs. R. V. Powell.
Treasurer—Miss Susie D. Allen.
Superintendents:
- *Spiritual Life*—Mrs. C. H. Dawson.
- *Literature*—Mrs. Tucker Humphries.
- *Family Life*—Mrs. Allen Kimball.
- *Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. H. E. Robinson.
- *Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. B. B. Johnson.
- *Young People*—Miss Ruth Dunn.
- *Children*—Mrs. Carl Key.
- *Cradle Roll*—Mrs. W. P. Bowland.

Superintendent, Burlington District—Mrs. Robert Woodruff.

The report was adopted and the officers declared elected.

The other district superintendents, as elected at the Rallies, are:

Asheboro—Mrs. Clyde Fields.
Greensboro—Mrs. Mack Welch.
Halifax—Mrs. H. B. Satterfield.
Henderson—Mrs. Carl Wallace.
Raleigh—Mrs. C. A. Ballentine.
Sanford—Mrs. R. L. House.

The following report of the Recommendations Committee was read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMENDATIONS.

Your Committee on Recommendations wishes to submit the following recommendations:

1. That, because of our inability to get funds into China, we recommend that the $2,200.00 balance of the 1950 Thank Offering given for Han Mei School be transferred by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to support the work of Miss Corrine Norquest, associate missionary in the Johannesburg area of our South Africa Mission.
2. That the new "Achievement Goals" as prepared by Miss Pattle Lee Coghill and her committee, and as read at this session of the North Carolina Woman's Conference, be adopted.
3. That the Executive Board be authorized and given power to make any adjustments necessary to fall inline with plans for changes in the fiscal year as passed by the 1951 session of the Woman's Convention.

The report of the Recommendations Committee was adopted.

The Place Committee reported that Apple's Chapel had invited the Conference to meet there in 1952. By motion, the invitation was accepted.

Mrs. J. B. Newman made the report of the Courtesy Committee, which was adopted with a rising vote of thanks.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill made an announcement about the Women's Missionary Caravans and about the possibilities of a chartered bus trip to the General Council meeting in 1952.

Rev. Mark Andes conducted an impressive service of installation of the officers and a dedication of the Conference to the work of the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p. m. with a benediction by Rev. Mark Andes.

CAREY E. ANDES, *President,*
DOROTHY T. POWELL, *Secretary.*

Minutes of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference

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BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH, NANSEMOND COUNTY, VA.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1951.

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THEMES *"A Highway for Our God."*

MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Woman's Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its thirty-ninth annual session on Thursday, October 4, 1951, in Bethehem Christian Church, Nansemond County, Virginia.

The meeting was caled to order at 10:00 a. m. by the president, Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

Hymn, "O Worship the King"; meditation, "As We Journey," Mrs. Harrell; prayer, Rev. R. E. Brittle.

The president made her annual report:

THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

With October first a new year comes into being for the women, young people and children of our conference. It is a good time to pause and consider what success we have had towards our goals and to refresh ourselves with the evidence of progress made by our various departments.

The reports in this booklet give reason for a certain amount of pride and encouragement that our labor has not been in vain. However the potential power of some one thousand Congregational Christian women in the Eastern Virginia Conference is so great, that we should really feel we have only made a good start.

In the desert of disunity within nations and among people, a highway for our God remains to be built. We, as Christian women must help to build this highway. It will take endless hours of time, and talent but the challenge is ours. We can help to build a firm foundation for those who follow us. Will you accept the challenge?

During the past two years I have enjoyed many busy days and happy days, bringing to me many rich and satisfying experiences. Today a new president will be choosen and I covet for her the same cooperation you have given me.

Heralds of Christ who bear the King's commands,
Immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
Pass on and carry swift the news ye bring;
Make straight, make straight the highway of the King.

Thro' desert ways, dark fen and deep morass,
Thro' jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,
Build ye the road, and falter not nor stay;
Prepare across the earth the King's highway.

Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build;
To see the promise of the day fulfilled,
When war shall be no more and strife shall cease—
Upon the highway of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

MRS. WM. T. HARRELL, *President.*

Using the theme, "Progress Made Along the Highway," the following reports were made by the district superintendents:

WAVERLY DISTRICT.

"Thy Will to Do," has been the challenge to women of the Waverly District throughout the past year. This district consists of twelve churches, with 10 well organized socities three of the groups being classified as young people's socities.

The packets are becoming more popular, 6 have purchased them for use the past year. There are 52 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun;* 4 to *The Church Woman;* 8 to *Advance;* and 7 to *Guide Posts*. Most of the groups have well planed devotional services.

Miss Margaret Blemker reviewed "Assignment: Near East" and showed slides of her work in Turkey at Wakefield on November 14. Several members of the Bethlehem, Disputanta, Church sang hymns in Slovakian, attractively dressed in native costumes. The Christian Family Life travel library was used in several churches. The Bible study has been conducted in 6 socities.

The young people have studied the mission study in 4 groups and 2 groups sent Friendly Service gifts. Thirteen went to Elon or to the summer camps. The young people of the Hopewell Church have requested an apportionment for next year.

The children are doing their bit in contributions and learning of boys and girls in other lands. Three have reported having parties and others reported sending sunshine baskets to the sick.

Nearly every society has participated in Friendly Service. Franklinton Center was the recipient of these contributions and gifts. Other recipients were the Migrants in Florida and Lebanon.

Five socities have Christian Family Life Chairmen and 5 observed Family Life Week in May. I hope next year an active Christian Family Chairman will be reported in every society in our district as this is such an important part of our work.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in 8 of our socities and more socities are observing World Community Day and May Fellowship Day each year.

Mrs. E. E. McClintock, of New York, our National Secretary of Women's Work, and Rev. Richard L. Jackson were the speakers at the district meeting in Dendron, March 27. Mr. Jackson was commissioned for work in China in this district so his visit had special significance. A "Visitation Plan" (each socitiey to exchange a program with another society during the year) set up at the district meeting is creating new interest.

Active socities are: Burton's Grove and Richmond; Honor Roll Socities: Dendron, Wakefield, and Waverly.

I want to express my gratitude to Mrs. G. C. Brittle, the new superintendent for the Waverly District, for her sympathetic understanding and the fine spirit of cooperation she has shown me this past year. She skillfully planned and executed the spring district meeting. With her capable leadership and the spirit of loyalty which the women of this district have always manifested, I feel the "Highway for Our God" will have a firm foundation.

MRS. G. W. SPRATLEY, *Superintendent.*

SUFFOLK DISTRICT.

There is an inspiration in doing things together. In addition to getting them done, you have the satisfaction of knowing that you are not working alone. "Thy Will to Do" has been characteristic throughout the Suffolk District.

Mankind progresses and advances through the medium and use of ideas. They plan an important role in every walk of life. Progress made this past year has been due to the useful and helpful ideas from all the women. To each of you, I am grateful. As Christian women we must never forget that every living person has a definite life work and must keep before us the idea that it is essential to shape definite ideas to formulate certain plans of life and travel the "Highway for Our God." We must grow in character and in richness if we are to make Our Highway the Christian Highway.

In the 19 churches, there are 20 socities organized, with a combined membership of 905. Nineteen socities have presented a well planned devotional service for each

meeting and 20 have conducted the Bible study. All reported using the packet and 19 the study books. There are 338 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun,* 16 subscriptions to *Guide Posts,* 33 to *Advance,* and 14 to *The Church Woman.* Seventeen socities sent Friendly Service gifts to the fields recommended by the Convention. Fifteen groups contributed to community service projects. Only 5 groups own Visual Aids equipment. Sixteen socities reported having opportunity to view pictures some with their own equipment others as guests of another church. One church suggested films to be added for coming year.

Twenty socities observed World Day of Prayer, 17 World Community Day and 16 May Fellowship Day. Fourteen socities reported having a Family Life Chairman and 17 observed National Family Week. Fifteen socities gave a total of 22 Life Memberships and 9 gave a total of 17 Memorial certificates.

There are 17 Young People's Socities reporting, all using the study books and giving Friendly Service gifts. Sixteen sent money to Woman's Conference Treasurer. One Memorial has been given, and 68 attended camps and conferences.

We have 16 Children's Socities in our District; 15 used study books and 12 sent Friendly Service gifts. They have 12 subscription to *Children's Religion.* There are 16 Cradle Roll Socities reporting; 14 of these held a program, 13 a party and 7 sent Friendly Service gifts.

We have 19 Woman's Socities that achieved the goals of an Active Society. Of these Antioch, Cypress Chapel, Damascus, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Oak Grove are Honor Roll Socities; Berea (Nans.), Bethlehem, Eure, Franklin, Holland, Holy Neck, Johnson Grove, Liberty Spring, Oakland, Suffolk, Union (Sou.), Windsor are Superior Socities.

The Mission Study Institute in Franklin, with Miss Margaret Blemker as speaker, was one of the highlights of the year's work in the Suffolk District. One hundred forty-six women attended with 17 churches represented.

Our District Rally at Liberty Spring on March 28, was a day of inspiration with Mrs. E. E. McClintock and Rev. Richard L. Jackson as speakers.

I hope you will continue to cooperate with the new superintendent, Mrs. Ray Gordon, with the same loyalty and lovely spirit as you have during my year as leader.

Take Time to Worship—It is the Highway to Reverence.

MRS. T. H. HOLLAND, *Superintendent.*

NORFOLK DISTRICT.

The Norfolk District has 11 active Missionary Socities with an enrollment of 574 members—an increase of 41. Each society reported well planned devotional services and use of the Bible study and mission study; all observed World Day of Prayer with other churches; six, World Community Day and May Fellowship Day.

Subscriptions to *The Christian Sun* reported, 183; *Advance,* 16; *Church Women,* 9; *Guide Posts,* 20. Seven socities have sent news items to *The Christian Sun.*

Four churches own Visual Aids equipment and four others have access to equipment. Eight socities gave Life Memberships and Memorials totaling 14. Eight have Family Life Chairmen. One without, yet the majority of families have regular devotions. Family Life Week was observed in 7 churches.

Ten sent a Thank Offering to the Conference Treasurer and four of our organizations in the Norfolk District sent $105 extra to be applied on the decoration of Whitley Auditorium. Friendly Service gifts were reported from 10 socities.

Ten active socities are reported for young people. Eight use our study books; one Christian Endeavor material. All contributed to missions; and 6 reported Friendly Service activities locally and abroad. Thirty-eight attended summer camps.

Eight Children's organizations are reported, with 14 subscribing to *Children's Religion.* Three have participated in Friendly Service.

We have 7 active Cradle Rolls using Sunday school materials, Pilgrim Series, and story books. Five Cradle Roll programs and 7 parties have been given.

Socities listed below were Active Socities and those marked * were Honon Socities, and with † Superior Socities. Women: Berea, Great Bridge; Elm Avenue; First Norfolk; Bay View*; Little Creek*; Rosemont*; Congregational Christian Temple†; First Christian, Portsmouth†; Newport News†; Shelton Memorial†; S. Norfolk†. Young People: Bay View; Elm Avenue; First, Norfolk; First Christian, Portsmouth;

Little Creek; Berea, Great Bridge*; Congregational Christian Temple†; Newport News†; Rosemont†; Shelton Memorial†; S. Norfolk†. Cradle Roll: Berea, Great Bridge; First Christian, Portsmouth; Little Creek; Bay View*; Newport News*; Rosemont*; S. Norfolk*; Congregational Christian Temple†; Shelton Memorial†.

Two delightful guests during the year were Miss Margret Blemker, who reviewed "Assignment: Near East" and Mrs. Edith Culpin, President of the Federation of Women, Essex, England, was sent to the Elon School of Missions by the Norfolk District and was an excellent addition to the program.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. W. VAUGHAN, *Superintendent.*

It was moved and seconded that these reports be adopted. Motion carried.

Roll Call of Churches: Thirty-two churches were represented, with 361 present.

The following were given recognition: Dr. W. W. Sloan, Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. Harry Schadel, pianist; Mrs. V. K. Grizzard of Emporia, Va.

The corresponding secretary was requested to write letters of greetings to all past presidents who were absent.

The Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials reported as follows:

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS.

For the past four years the money received from Life Memberships and Memorials has been used to help educate Timothy Chang. Timothy is another living memorial of the good work of this department of our mission work.

We will use our Life Memberships and Memorials fund for the next two years for the renovation of rooms at Franklinton Center, Franklinton, N. C. We believe that in helping the Negroes to rebuild this institution, we shall be contributing much to the growth of brotherhood. Dr. Wentzel says "Christian Churches must do more than proclaim the gospel that in the sight of God all men are brothers; they must demonstrate that gospel." Those who selected Franklinton Center as our project must have had this same thought in mind.

As we make our contributions during the present biennium let us feel that we are truly helping to build a "Highway for Our God."

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS 1950-1951.

Antioch: Mrs. G. F. Pierce; Bethlehem: Mrs. O. C. Bradshaw, Mrs. Dudley Griggs, Mrs. C. L. Rountry, Mrs. Annie Smith, Miss Helen Sumner, Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Mrs. G. A. Tyner; Cypress Chapel: Mrs. Etta Babb, Mrs. Ophelia Bunch; Eure: Mrs. Berta Briscal; Franklin: Louise Norfleet Johnson, Mrs. Estelle Copeland Rawls; Holland: Mrs. L. J. Daughtrey; Holy Neck: Miss Lydia Norfleet; Isle of Wight: Mrs. India T. Hall; Johnson's Groe: Mrs. W. A. Grissom; Liberty Spring: Dr. I. W. Johnson, Mrs. C. E. Nichols (Young People); Mt. Carmel: Mrs. Ellis N. Clark; Newport News: Mrs. W. D. Gardner, Mrs. G. G. Givins; Bay View: Mrs. J. W. Cline; Christian Temple: Mrs. W. Millard Stevens; Little Creek: Mrs. A. J. Scarborough; Rosemont: Mrs. M. K. Hassell, Mrs. D. D. Johnson; Oakland: Mrs. Raye V. Knight; First, Portsmouth: Mrs. Madeline Heath; South Norfolk: Mrs. Addie Humphries, Mrs. W. L. Humphries, Mrs. Lily Valentine; Suffolk: Mrs. A. A. Turner; Suffolk (W. W. Staley Society): Mrs. Genevieve Ballance Brothers; Sunbury: Edward Lassiter (Young People), Mrs. Emmett E. Parker, Jimmy Pierce (Young People); Union (Southampton): Mrs. Lelia Joyner; Wakefield: Mrs. W. S. Seeley; Waverly: Mrs. F. A. Eppes.

MEMORIALS 1950-1951.

Berea (Nansemond): Mrs. Amy Odom; Bethlehem: Mrs. Dudley Austin, Miss Joyce Ann Harrell (Young People), Mrs. Lucie Pierce Wright; Dendron: Mrs. Wav-

erly S. Barrett; Holy Neck: Miss Addie Byrd, Dr. L. B. Grice; Liberty Spring: Miss Louise B. Rawls (Young People), Mrs. H. E. Savage, Sr., Mrs. C. C. Skinner; Oak Grove: Mrs. R. W. Rountree; Oakland: Mrs. Vertley Luke Griffin; Portsmouth, First: Mrs. W. O. Daughtridge; Shelton Memorial: Mrs. Beatrice Zoll; South Norfolk: Mrs. Will Daughtie, Mrs. Mabel Story; Suffolk: Mrs. Floyd Harrell, Mrs. Sophia Lowe, Mr. J. C. Philhower, Mrs. J. E. West, Mrs. Mamie Paige Holland West; Suffolk: (W. W. Staley Society): Mrs. Sarah D. Rawls; Waverly: Mrs. B. F. White; Windsor: J. W. Roberts, Rev. J. F. Morgan.

SUMMARY.

40 Life Memberships for this year	$ 400.00
25 Memorials for this year	250.00
Total	$ 650.00

MRS ROY BRINKLEY, *Superintendent.*

Mrs. W. B. Williams addressed the Conference on "Surveying the Highway."

Hymn, "There's a Voice Crying in the Wilderness."

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, with the assistance of Mrs. Rollie Gayle, Mrs. W. C. Seeley, and Mrs. R. E. Brittle, presented information on literature. The report on Literature was submitted as follows:

LITERATURE REPORT.

The general theme for Women's Work this year is "A Highway for Our God," and the foreign mission theme is "Latin America" and the home mission theme is "Churches for Our Country's Needs."

Women.

We are pleased with the wide use of the Women's Packet prepared by the Literature Committee of the Convention, as indicated in the District Superintendent's reports. There is real interest in literature and a willingness to provide money for it.

Young People.

The Southern Convention Women have sponsored a Young People's Packet for the past few years, which has been most acceptably received and used by our young people and their leaders. The packet for this year is ready and along with other materials, contains the following on missions: the home mission study book, "Now," (suggestions for its use are given in the back of the book); "Why Not Visit Mexico"; the National Missionary Action Packet; an announcement about the Philippine Project; and Friendly Service suggestions.

Children.

Children's workers using missionary education materials either in the Sunday school or in Junior socities should have an abundance of helpful suggestions this year with the "Year Book for Juniors" prepared by Mrs. W. C. Seeley, Superintendent, Eastern Virginia; and the bulletin containing many different types of world friendship suggestions, prepared by Miss Julia Woodson, Convention Chairman of Children's Work. You will find in both of these and in Mrs. Seeley's report the children's books for the year. I am sure a year of good missionary education is in store for the children of our Conference.

Goals.

The revised Achievement Goals include goals on the use of the packet; the use of Mission Study and Bible Study books; securing subscriptions to *The Christian Sun* and the use of such periodicals as *Advance, Guide Posts,* and *The Church Woman.*

MRS. W. V. LEATHERS, *Superintendent.*

Mrs. W. B. Williams gave the Treasurer's report, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Women's Socities.

Society	Paid on Apportionment	Thank Offering	Total Paid
Antioch	$ 60.50	$ 17.79	$ 93.29
Berea (Nansemond)	103.00	120.10	233.10
Begonia	5.00	.....	5.00
Bethlehem	189.00	42.45	329.45
Cypress Chapel	115.00	21.80	156.80
Cypress Chapel (Agnes Brittle Circle)	57.00	.....	57.00
Dendron	65.00	15.00	95.00
Eure	54.00	.....	69.00
Franklin	309.00	61.71	400.71
Great Bridge	65.00	15.00	80.00
Holland	160.00	50.00	240.00
Holy Neck	155.00	88.00	293.00
Hopewell	25.54	.....	25.54
Isle of Wight	60.00	15.00	85.00
Johnson's Grove	15.00	15.00	70.00
Liberty Spring	213.45	93.00	346.45
Mt. Carmel	60.00	9.52	79.52
Mt. Zion	30.00	5.00	35.00
Newport News	145.00	115.00	290.00
Norfolk:			
Bay View	76.25	10.50	101.75
Christian Temple	361.00	128.31	499.31
First, Norfolk	76.30	10.00	86.30
Little Creek	31.00	20.86	69.86
Rosemont	225.00	102.10	347.10
Second, Norfolk	60.00	15.00	75.00
Oak Grove	38.40	10.80	62.20
Oakland	92.00	67.00	179.00
Portsmouth:			
Elm Avenue	60.00	7.75	67.75
First, Portsmouth	101.00	47.50	168.50
Shelton Memorial	57.00	17.00	84.00
Shelton Memorial (Young Women)	10.00	11.00	21.00
Richmond, First	60.00	26.84	86.84
South Norfolk	120.00	40.00	210.00
Spring Hill	8.25	7.00	20.25
Suffolk	665.00	175.00	900.00
Suffolk (Staley Society)	220.00	207.00	457.00
Sunbury (Damascus)	77.50	22.00	114.50
Union (Southampton)	88.50	9.05	107.55
Wakefield	70.30	14.60	94.90
Waverly	55.00	10.00	95.00
Windsor	103.00	16.17	139.17
Special:			
Mrs. J. M. Darden	.....	175.00	175.00
Mr. Garland Gray	.....	225.00	225.00
Total for Women	$4,541.99	$2,059.85	$7,370.84

Young People.

Barretts	$ 18.75	.....	$ 18.75
Berea (Nansemond)	50.00	.....	50.00
Bethlehem	101.75	$ 20.00	131.75
Burton's Grove	35.00	.....	35.00
Cypress Chapel	100.00	.....	105.00

Society	Paid on Apportionment	Thank Offering	Total Paid
Dendron	30.00	.....	30.00
Eure	19.80	.....	19.80
Franklin	36.00	.....	36.00
Great Bridge	12.50	.....	12.50
Holland	17.00	4.00	26.00
Holy Neck	77.50	15.00	103.50
Liberty Spring	63.00	17.00	100.00
Mt. Carmel	39.00	9.52	48.52
Mt. Zion	8.00	.....	8.00
New Lebanon	25.90	.....	25.90
Newport News	50.00	.....	50.00
Norfolk:			
Bay View	7.00	.....	7.00
Christian Temple	101.00	.....	101.00
Little Creek	10.00	.....	10.00
Rosemont	60.50	.....	70.50
Oak Grove	8.80	.....	8.80
Oakland	75.00	.....	75.00
Portsmouth, First	17.50	.....	17.50
Spring Hill	10.00	.....	10.00
Suffolk	110.00	.....	110.00
Sunbury (Damascus)	40.00	.....	60.00
Union (Southampton)	37.50	.....	37.50
Weverly	10.00	.....	10.00
Windsor	41.00	11.17	52.17
Offering: Fall Meeting	41.71	.....	41.71
Totals for Young People	$1,254.21	$ 76.69	$1,411.90

Juniors.

Antioch	$ 16.00	.....	$ 16.00
Berea (Nansemond)	25.00	.....	25.00
Bethlehem	28.75	$ 10.00	38.75
Cypress Chapel	14.35	.....	14.35
Dendron	3.15	.....	3.15
Eure	4.48	.....	4.48
Franklin	31.00	2.00	35.00
Great Bridge	3.00	.....	3.00
Holland	20.00	.....	20.00
Holy Neck	22.00	.....	22.00
Liberty Spring	27.40	10.00	37.40
Mt. Carmel	15.50	.....	15.50
Newport News	12.00	.....	12.00
Norfolk:			
Bay View	6.00	.....	6.00
Christian Temple	38.07	.....	38.07
Little Creek	4.00	.....	4.00
Rosemont	13.50	.....	13.50
Oakland	3.75	.....	3.75
Portsmouth, First	13.00	.....	13.00
South Norfolk	15.00	.....	15.00
Suffolk (Juniors and Primary)	62.38	.....	62.38
Union (Southampton)	3.82	.....	3.82
Waverly	5.00	.....	5.00
Windsor	16.07	.....	16.07
Total for Juniors	$ 403.22	$ 22.00	$ 427.22

CRADLE ROLL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Antioch	$ 2.93
Berea (Nansemond)	17.25
Bethlehem	54.03
Cypress Chapel	15.25
Dendron	7.85
Eure	4.48
Franklin	8.25
Great Bridge	10.69
Holy Neck	28.00
(Includes $7.00 Thank Offering)	
Liberty Spring	25.00
(Includes $5.00 Thank Offering)	
Mt. Carmel	68.30
Mt. Zian	4.00
Newport News	31.89
Norfolk:	
Bay View	5.00
Christian Temple	9.70
Little Creek	9.40
(Includes $4.00 for Orphanage)	
Rosemont	20.32
Oakland	15.43
Portsmouth:	
First, Portsmouth	5.00
Shelton Memorial	10.00
South Norfolk	5.00
Suffolk	29.64
Sunbury (Damascus)	15.00
Union (Southampton	17.25
Wakefield	12.00
Waverly	3.00
Windsor	3.50
Total for Cradle Roll	$ 438.16

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1950		$ 100.80
Offerings:		
Woman's Meeting October 3	$ 118.69	
Suffolk District Meeting	55.85	
Norfolk District Meeting	35.51	
Waverly District Meeting	13.05	
		223.10
Women's Socities Apportionment		4,541.99
Young People's Socities Apportionment and Offering		1,254.21
Junior Socities Apportionment		403.22
Cradle Roll Contributions		421.76
Thank Offering		2,170.54
Life Memberships		400.00
Memorials		250.00
Friendly Service		156.00
Specials:		
Dr. and Mrs. Riggs	$ 30.00	
Christian World Mission	11.00	
Youth Fellowship Project	5.00	
Orphanage	4.40	
		50.40
Total Receipts		$9,972.02

Disbursements.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas., Woman's Board, So. Convention	$9,230.03
Miss Barbara Bradshaw, Treas., Eastern Va. Youth Fellowship	418.09
Miss Ruth Seabury, Conference Speaker	30.00
West and Withers for Treas. Bond	5.00
Miss Margaret Blemker, Mission Institute Speaker	20.00
Gurley Press for Programs and Stationery	23.00
Convention Office for Supplies, Report Books	12.20
Gurley Press for Programs, Mission Institute	6.50
Mrs. E. E. McClintock, District Meeting Speaker	20.00
Richard L. Jackson, District Meeting Speaker	15.00
Gurley Press for Programs, District Meetings	6.50
Suffolk Floral Gardens	7.50
Franklin Ptg. Co. for Treas. Reports and Receipt Books	15.25
Virginia Council of Church Women	25.00

Bank Service Charges	1.10	
Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Recording Secretary, Expenses	3.00	
Bethlehem Young People (Expense of Woman's Board Meeting)	1.00	
George D. Colclough for Space in ANNUAL	80.00	
Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Corresponding Secretary, Expense	6.33	
		9,925.50
Balance in Treasury		$ 46.52

APPORTIONMENTS ACCEPTED BY THE WOMEN'S SOCITIES.

Antioch	$ 60.00	Christian Temple	375.00
Berea (Nansemond)	100.00	First, Norfolk	80.00
Begonia		Little Creek	35.00
Bethlehem	185.00	Rosemont	220.00
Cypress Chapel	115.00	Second, Norfolk	
Cypress Chapel (A. Brittle Cr.)		Oak Grove	
Dendron	60.00	Oakland	90.00
Eure	55.00	Portsmouth:	
Franklin	300.00	Elm Avenue	45.00
Great Bridge	70.00	First, Portsmouth	115.00
Holland	165.00	Shelton Memorial	60.00
Holy Neck	165.00	Shelton Memorial (Y. W.)	
Hopewell		Richmond, First	55.00
Isle of Wight	65.00	South Norfolk	130.00
Johnson's Grove		Spring Hill	12.00
Liberty Spring	220.00	Suffolk	650.00
Mt. Carmel	65.00	Suffolk (Staley Society)	220.00
Mt. Zion	30.00	Sunbury (Damascus)	75.00
Newport News	150.00	Union (Southampton)	65.00
Norfolk:		Wakefield	70.00
Bay View	85.00	Waverly	60.00
		Windsor	88.00

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury September 25, 1951		$ 46.52

RECEIPTS.

Women's Socities—On Apportionment.

Spring Hill		2.75

Young People—On Apportionment.

Liberty Spring	$ 38.00	
Norfolk, First	5.00	
Richmond, First	25.00	
Union (Southampton)	12.50	
		83.25
Total Receipts		$ 129.77

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas.	$ 56.41	
Miss Barbara Bradshaw, Treas. Eastern Va. Youth Fellowship	26.84	
		83.25
Balance in Treasury		$ 46.52

(This make a Grand Total of Receipts for the year 1950-51—$10,055.27.)

Note: The Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference meeting in regular session at Bethlehem (Nansemond) on October 4, 1951 authorized the Treasurer to reopen the books and accept money through October 7, 1951.

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

Mrs. Williams was given a rising vote of thanks for her long and efficient service.

The following special committes were appointed:

Recommendations—Mesdames L. W. Vaughan, Garland Spratley, A. C. Moore.
Nominations—Mesdames Raye V. Knight, Frank Lewis, G. C. Brittle.
Auditor—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle.
Courtesy—Mesdames J. L. Rose, James C. Lynch, Johnny Speight.
Place—Mesdames E. E. Waterfield, G. C. Givens.

Mrs. Harrell announced the following meetings: Home Mission Book Review, by Dr. Truman Douglas, March 19, 1952; Foreign Mission Book, by Mrs. F. C. Lester, February 8, 1952, 8. p. m., Franklin, Va., and at Christian Temple, Norfolk, on a date to be announced later; Youth Fellowship, October 7, 1951, Suffolk, Va.

Mrs. L. W. Vaughan presented the recommendations as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We, the Recommendations Committee, submit the following for your consideration:

1. That the goal for 1951-1952 be $10,000.00.
2. That the contribution to the Virginia Council of Churches be $50.00.
3. That each society be urged to give one or more Life Memberships or Memorials during the year.
4. That through Friendly Service special emphasis be placed on the work with the Migrants in Virginia and the Ryder Memorial Hospital in Hamacao, Porto Rico, as the foreign project.
5. Because of our inability to get funds into China we recommend to the Woman's Conference that the $2,200.00 balance of the 1950 Thank Offering given originally for the Han Mei School be transferred to the American Board to support the work of Miss Corrine Norquest, associate missionary of our South African Mission, this fund to be divided in equal yearly payments for four years. Signed: Mrs. Russell Powell, Mrs. John Truitt, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. W. T. Harrell.
6. "A peoples' culture cannot be greater than its homes." Therefore, we urge that as Christian women, we seek to develop more Godly homes; encourage a more reverend observance of the Sabbath; inspire a greater loyalty to the church and a more earnest support of its institutions.

MRS. L. W. VUGHAN, *Chairman*,
MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY,
MRS. A. C. MOORE.

Dr. W. W. Sloan, of Elon College, gave an address on "Christianity in Latin America.

The offering, amounting to $88.05, was received by Rev. R. E. Brittle, who also pronounced the benediction.

Adjournment for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hymn, "Jesus Calls Us." Prayer, Mrs. Duane Vore.

Mrs. Garland Spratley gave the report on Friendly Service, which was adopted as read, as follows:

FRIENDLY SERVICE.

"They helped everyone his neighbor," Isaiah 51:6.

Friendly help, touching all sides of life, is the surest means of teaching Christian love to all people in our land and abroad. Friendly Service has a two-fold purpose:

it is an expression of love for our fellowman; second, it is educational, we learn of the needs of those with whom we share. As we become better informed about the institutions for which we are working, we are more concerned about meeting the needs of our schools, hospitals, and missionaries.

"Thy work, O God, needs many hands
To help Thee everywhere,
And some there are who cannot serve
Unless our gifts we share."

The reports have shown the women of our conference are sharing their gifts at home and abroad. A growing interest has been manifested toward Franklinton Center. Deeds of loving kindness have been shown to the invalids and sick in the communities, through gifts of food, fruit, flowers, and visits. The young people have been encouraged in wholesome recreation through the participation of the Christian Women in the community in the Youth Centers. Children have been made happy going to summer camps sponsored by the woman's socities, others have received gifts at the Orphanage. A near-by hospital, Patrick Henry, for the chronically ill, has come in for its share of Friendly Service.

Love knows no boundary line, the children in Turkey have been remembered with crayons, books, wash cloths, soap, etc. The needy in Lebanon and Korea have had their bodies clothed. Several families in Czechoslovakia have been fed and in India they have not been forsaken.

The Friendly Service Chairman of the Southern Convention, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, had on display our projects for 1951-52 at the Elon School of Missions last June. These projects are listed in your new year book on page 19: Franklinton Center, Fort Berthold Mission, The Migrants, Lebanon, and Ryder Memorial Hospital. You have the privilege of participating in each of these projects but if you feel you cannot accomplish but two in your group this year I am recommending you undertake the Migrants in Virginia and Ryder Memorial Hospital.

Let us remember to dedicate our gifts before we send them from our churches. You will find dedication services in *Guide Posts* for October, 1948 and May-June, 1951. The gifts are carrying a special message from our shores to those who do not know us. They should be sent on their way with a prayer and thanksgiving for the opportunity we have in meeting the needs of others.

"I thank Thee, Lord, for strength of arm
To win my bread,
And that, beyond my need, is meat
For friend unfed;
I thank Thee much for bread to live
I thank Thee more for bread to give."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY.

Dr. W. W. Sloan spoke on her report, stressing the needs of Ryder Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Emerson Smith, assistant extension secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches, spoke on "Migrant Work in Virginia."

Hymn, "In Christ There Is No East or West."

The reports of the various departmental superintendents were as follows:

REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE SUPERINTENDENT.

"A Highway for Our God"—what a lovely and inspiring theme we have for the new year. One which challenges us to the very depths. What a difference it would have made in all of our lives if we had always looked upon the "road of life" as the "Highway for Our God."

There are many ways of accomplishing the work of our fellowship through the departments or committees set up for the special needs. Underneath all these activities is the spirit which is the moving power. There is one committee of the fel-

lowship which is set apart to help women in their meditations, in their prayers together and apart, to a fresh and deepened experience. The spiritual life department presents opportunity for enrichment of spiritual life in such real and workable terms that each individual may see new ways of meeting the situations and problems of everyday living with an increased sense of the presence of God and what it means to follow Jesus' way of life.

Our prayer for each fellowship group is that they will avail themselves of the abundant supply of rich devotional materials, the source of which has been made available to all. Also have good worship services at each fellowship meeting and at special seasons such as Lent and Christmas. And that you will emphasize or provide source materials for personal daily devotional use. Use your theme hymn, "A Highway" whenever possible and various other special services you will find in your *Guide Posts,* to help strengthen and enrich your fellowship meetings and activities.

We as fellowship groups can encourage and make possible the lifting of reading taste to higher levels through the devotional materials available to us. This can be accomplished in many ways; through book review teas, clipping files, bulletin boards, radio program guides, and lending libraries, always with emphasis on cooperation through fellowship and on group participation.

For 1951-52 we hope you will find Bible study a great help in your devotional program. It is "Applied Christianity" a study in the Epistle of James by Dr. Samuel M. Glasgow. May I quote from the foreword of this story? "It is our prayer that as women of the church we will be led by this study to look into our hearts with courage and honesty and we may test the depths of our faith by the testimony of our daily lives, that we may truly 'act on the Word, instead of merely listening to it.' (James 1:21. Moffatt.) Unless there is such results, we shall have just another study, good but not vital, not good enough for these crucial times and the opportunity with which God has trusted us."

MRS. J. H. DULING, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT ON CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE.

It is encouraging to learn at the end of the year that our aims set forth last fall have been attained by a great number of our socities. Our aims were fourfold:

1. Seeking to have more families worshipping together and praying together for definite things. Realizing that prayer is the channel through which we reach God we feel it imperative that parents teach their children how to seek Him and His guidance.

2. Encouraging parents to bring their children to Sunday school, instead of sending them. Family Life Chairman were asked to work with Sunday school superintendents and teachers to enroll parents in the Sabbath school. It seems now that we of the church have learned that we cannot educate children and expect adult education to ensue as a by-product, but rather the church must *start* this educational program with adults realizing that religious education of the children will follow as a by-product.

3. Striving to help parents build a better home and direct their children's thoughts toward home and God; many books and periodicals on family relationships and God have been recommended for the church and home libraries.

4. Believing that in our approach to Christian Education we must see the home, church and the community inseparably bound together, effort has been made to unite all three in the observance of National Family Week. This is rapidly becoming a great work in our church calendar. In our Conference this year more churches took part in this observance than ever before.

A few weeks prior to Family Week I prepared and sent to every Family Life Chairman a pamphlet offering suggestions on how the home and church might be strengthened during this one special week. The pamphlet carried a bibliography of books and periodicals on Family Life, recreation and worship; also a list of helpful visual aids and suggested programs and activities for observing National Family Week.

I had posters on display at the rallies encouraging family participation in National Family Week.

During the year we have had a circulating library of books containing thoughts and ideas on building home life If we will set ourselves to building better homes in

America we *shall* build better churches, better communities and eventually a better world. Therefore I recommend that our aims for the coming year be:

1. Soliciting the church families to have daily devotional periods in their homes where opportunity will be given for personal participation in prayer.
2. Family attendance in Sunday school and worship.
3. The placing of good literature and the reading of good literature in our homes.
4. The observance of National Family Week in every community.

MRS. J. E. NEESE, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL SUPERINTENDENT.

The purpose of the Cradle Roll is to emphasize Missionary Education for the children up to six years of age. Each child is presented a certificate of membership and a mite box in which he or she saves money to be given to missionary causes. There should be a "Mite Box Opening Service" at which time a special program is presented for the mothers and children. Some churches have a "Mite Box Opening Service" once every quarter. Then, during the summer quarter a party for the mothers and children is held.

If you do not have a Cradle Roll Missionary Society, why not start one now? Why not secure the names and birthdays of all your church babies and on a special day designated as Cradle Roll Day, have a service honoring these babies? It would be great if all churches in the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference could report next year we have a Cradle Roll Missionary Society in our church.

The Convention Cradle Roll Superintendent is Mrs. Carl Wallace, Franklinton, N. C. and there will be a new Conference Superintendent elected today to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Herbert G. Councill, Jr.'s departure, who has moved to the State of New York. Please write the name of the new superintendent in your report booklet. I feel sure these ladies will be willing to help you in any way possible. Remember that special literature can be secured for this work from our Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass. If you don't have a catalogue, write for one.

Best of good wishes for a most successful year in all Cradle Roll activities.

MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL,
Acting Superintendent.

REPORT OF CHILDREN'S SUPERINTENDENT.

Again we are beginning a new year in our mission work. For our children's work we have thought and planned what we hope will be helpful to you in various children's departments. Please let me urge you to select for your children's leader in your churches someone who is deeply interested in missions and who loves children. A great challenge greets us as well as great opportunities; these are important years in their lives. Fastly they are growing into maturity; now they are interested in all of life; they are eager to learn; the soil is fertile. May we plant the seed of Christian brotherhood, love and unselfishness.

If we expect adult socities of tomorrow, we must begin today with these children. Here, I'm afraid, we have and are falling down on the job. We hear much about "One World," and with this is mind we teach and lead them to work for a united world, all people the children of One Father, God.

1. If possible this year, select one Home Study Book and one Foreign Study Book: suggested home book, "Hungry Hollow"; suggested foreign book, "Off to Brazil." Guides for each are available.

2. Help the children become familiar with our missionaries; set aside a special meeting to study them; learn their names and where they are working. Help them realize that it is a big job and a great calling. We have too few religious workers going from our churches now. These are our future hope. Let us begin with them now.

3. I would suggest that you select January for sending your Friendly Service gifts. This year Micronesia has been selected for children. The address will be found in your little booklet. Children are usually very unselfish in their giving; help develop this in them. Let them make some gifts, help pack and wrap them so that they may feel they are a part of the gift they are sending.

4. Last, may the booklets prepared by your Convention Superintendent and your Conference Superintendent help guide you in your work this year, and may you have a successful year in your children's work.

LOUISE P. SEELY.

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUPERINTENDENT.

Found on that part of the "Highway for Our God," which passes through that part of His Kingdom known as the Eastern Virginia Conference, is a group which may be considered the spring or source from which our future supply of workers and replacements are coming and will come. This group is familiarly known to us as the young people who are gradually finding their places on this great "Highway" and who are essential parts of a great working machine or organization well fitted together.

This group of young people form our charge and challenge as a group of Christian women. We are the mother group who if we live true to that beautiful relationship will not think too much in terms of ourselves, but will lavish love and guiding interest on those who through this fine relationship are our children. The first and most important attitude and act on our part should be our interest definitely expressed in every helpful way possible for the spiritual development of our young people. In this as in too many cases we need to shamefully confess that we have fallen far short of what we should have done in expressing to them the measure of love, helpfulness and guidance we should have shown. I know it does not sound good. You hate for me to say it, and it hurts me to need to say it, but it is true. Is it a fact or not a fact that we have thought more in terms of apportionments paid in full than we have prayed for them and with them that they as individuals might realize the fullness of Christian experience? And before we put on too many looks of satisfaction and to the continuation of our policy toward the future, let us become penitent for forgiveness, and rededicate our lives to our holy calling. This is what I mean. Take the socities in the average local church. There should be the closest relationship created only by love and guiding helpfulness, but in far too many cases the women's society knows only what has been done or is being done by reports from the young people's leader or treasurer. How many of the local woman's presidents visit occasionally with the young people? How many of us, as members of the woman's society, visit with them; encouraging and complimenting them on their good work; and better understanding their problems; so we may be in a better position to help them? I am very familiar with the three groups of young people and children in one local church where the mothers, who are members of the woman's group, help in putting across all major projects. We should not leave the whole responsibility to the young people's leaders.

In nearly all of our churches in this conference we have wonderful young people's groups and excellent leaders. Our help and work with them is and should be our primary home mission work. And unless we take this responsibility seriously our foreign mission light will not shine as far, nor as brightly as it should.

Your young people's superintendent has one special recommendation and request. This will be made generally, but hoping the churches affected by it will take special notice and govern themselves accordingly. There are in our conference several churches whose young people's groups are organized as Christian Endeavor Socities. Everyone of these has done an outstanding piece of work, for which they are to be highly commended. The request is that the work of these groups be more closely related to the work and program of our missionary conference. The women of these churches are asked to help guide in this direction.

MRS. R. E. BRITTLE.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

Living today is an act of faith. Faith demands love in action. Every act of ours that is an expression of love towards others, reaffirms our faith in God. On World Community Day, this love reaches around the world. We train leaders and we aid the homeless. "Live Thy Faith" is the great theme for Warld Community Day, which we will observe on November 2.

In many lands the need for trained leaders is urgent. Project No. 1 for Community Day is Ecumenical Scholarships. Liberal contributions toward these scholar-

ships will make it possible for young people from many lands to obtain training for leadership in their homeland churches. It is an effective channel for interdenominational and international understanding and fellowship.

Project No. 2 is "Aid for the Homeless." There are more people without homes than there were a year ago. A blanket will bring warmth to someone who has been cold too long. Hope for a new future may be strengthened by your gift. Share a blanket! Last year 28 socities observed World Community Day. This year let each of us remember that "faith without works is dead." "Live Thy Faith."

It is not too soon to begin to plan for World Day of Prayer. This year our theme is "Christ Our Hope." Last year every society reporting, observed World Day of Prayer. Let's make it unanimous this year, if possible: a World Day of Prayer service; in cooperation with other denominations; with every woman in attendance and participating; and with prayer ascending all around the world. What wonders may be wrought!

"Spiritual Security for Today's Families," is the topic for May Fellowship Day, which will be observed on May 2, 1952.

We believe that all families have the same basic needs. We believe that many families have lost the sense of being in touch with God. They need to be reassured of God's goodness rediscovered anew in Christ.

Twenty-five socities observed May Fellowship Day last year. The thought we give to living our faith, and the source of strength we will find as our minds center on "Christ Our Hope" on World Day of Prayer, will help us find spiritual security. What is the great need of today's families? Let's all seek that security for our families on May Fellowship Day.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, *Superintendent.*

VISUAL AID.

Visual Aid speaks for itself!

"I am one of the wheels available for progress on God's Highway and, through comparatively new, am being used more extensively each year.

"I rest upon the axle of Christ's Great Commission. Home and foreign missions comprise my hub, which revolves on the spokes or objectivity created through your concern for a Christian world. My progress depends upon the rim of service. Therefore, I retard the journey when not in use.

"I am a most versatile wheel, which can function well with all of the others. In any phase of the undertaking I can add speed and progress.

"I speak volumes elsewhere in the world, where millions pay daily to view me on the movie screens and which I quite often cause a detour on this 'Highway for Our God.' I have also found much prestige through television, where I am often employed in a mediocre manner and the promotion of beer is most distasteful.

"I would like to prove my possibilities for undergirding this Christian crusade with another phase of Christian teaching. I can 'increase the retention of facts by thirty per cent, which is significant where teaching time is limited.' I never displace the teacher, but progress is faster and longer lasting when I am employed.

"I function only through use! The portfolios which each president will have, insure more enriched minds, quicker spirits and deeper loyalties for lives committed to Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYNE W. MOORE, *Chairman.*

Mrs. Russell T. Bradford read the revised Constitution and By-Laws. It was moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded that a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws be mailed to all officers of the Woman's Conference and to each local society. Motion carried.

Mrs. L. W. Vaughan again read the recommendations, which were adopted.

Mrs. J. L. Rose, chairman of the Courtesy Committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions wishes to make the following report:

1. We want to thank the committee on the program and those who have appeared on the program for the splendid addresses and reports of the day.

2. To Dr. W. W. Sloan we consider it a rare privilege to have heard and appreciate his presentation of "A Highway for Our God."

3. To Mr. Emerson Smith our esteem and appreciation for his words of inspiration, and his timely subject, "Our Migrant Work in Virginia."

4. That we extend thanks to the pastor and members of the Bethlehem Christian Church for the gracious hospitality, lovely flowers, and the delicious meal.

5. We further urge those present to share the spirit of this day with others in their home churches.

6. That we express our thanks and sincere appreciation to our retiring president, Mrs. W. T. Harrell, by a rising vote of thanks for her untiring help, information, and love for her office which she so graciously filled.

7. That we dedicate ourselves anew in helping to advance the various branches of the work of our churches, both at home and around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. L. ROSE, *Chairman,*
MRS. JAMES C. LYNCH,
MRS. JOHNNY SPEIGHT.

Mrs. G. C. Givens reported that Christian Temple had invited the Woman's Conference to meet there in 1952.

Mrs. Raye V. Knight presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers, Departmental Superintendents and Standing Committees of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference for the year 1951-1952:

President—Mrs. Garland Spratley.
Vice-President and Chairman of Friendly Service—Mrs. Ray Gordon.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. W. Stagg.
Treasurer—Mrs. George Cornell.

Superintendents:
- *Young People*—Mrs. R. E. Brittle.
- *Children*—Mrs. W. C. Seeley.
- *Cradle Roll*—Mrs. R. E. Edwards.

Chairmen of Standing Committees:
- *Spiritual Life*—Mrs. J. H. Duling.
- *Life Memberships and Memorials*—Mrs. E. G. Middleton.
- *Literature*—Mrs. W. V. Leathers.
- *Interdenominational Cooperation*—Mrs. W. H. Johnson.
- *Christian Family Life*—Mrs. Millard Stevens.
- *Visual Aids*—Mrs. A. C. Moore.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. RAYE V. KNIGHT, *Chairman,*
MRS. FRANK H. LEWIS,
MRS. G. C. BRITTLE.

The following was submitted by the auditor:

STATEMENT OF AUDITOR.

I have examined the books of the treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Williams, and in my opinion the balance of $46.52 is correct. They have been accurately and efficiently kept.

MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Auditor.*

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented the Achievement Goals which were adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION ACHIEVEMENT GOALS.

1. Use the Packet prepared by the Convention Literature Committee.
2. Use designated books for Mission Study and Bible Study.
3. Promote good reading in the church by securing subscriptions to *The Christian Sun,* and other periodicals such as *Advance, Guide Posts,* and *The Church Woman.*
4. Promote missions through the Sunday school and (or) sponsor socities for the various age groups. (Cradle Roll Children, Young People).
5. Present missions in a public program.
6. Assist the church in developing Christian Family Life.
7. Use visual aids as a means of presenting missionary ideals to the church.
8. Observe the World Day of Prayer, World Community Day, and May Fellowship Day—if possible, in cooperation with other denominations.
9. Present a Thank Offering Program, and receive an offering for the suggested project for the year.
10. Present at least one Life Membership or Memorial.
11. Send gifts or a contribution to at least one Friendly Service Project suggested by the Convention.
12. Have representatives at Conference and Rally.
13. Make quarterly reports to the Woman's Missionary Conference Treasurer.
14. Make annual report to the Woman's Missionary Conference through the District Superintendent.
15. Meet annual Conference apportionments.

Mrs. Harrell urged the support of the Thank Offering project: Japan International Christian University, Mitaka, Japan.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. W. B. Williams reopen her books to receive some outstanding contributions, provided no precedent be set for following years. Motion carried.

Dr. W. T. Scott spoke on the recent fire at Elon College which destroyed kitchen equipment. It was moved and seconded that all funds left from the day's offering of $88.05, after expenses were deducted, be sent to Elon College to apply on the loss. Motion carried. The corresponding secretary was asked to write to Dr. L. E. Smith a letter expressing regret at the loss.

Dr. W. T. Scott installed the newly elected officers and closed the Conference with prayer.

MRS. W. T. HARRELL, *President,*
MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Secretary.*

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, REIDSVILLE, N. C.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1951.

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President J. Robert Walker called the session to order.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Balance in Treasury, November 14, 1950		$ 254.54
RECEIPTS.		
1950-51 Memberships (99)	$ 495.00	
Less Dues received before Nov. 14, 1950	255.00	
		240.00
1951-52 Memberships received to Nov. 12, 1951		115.00
From North Carolina and Virginia Conference		300.00
Total Receipts and Balance		$ 909.54
DISBURSEMENTS.		
George D. Colclough, Treasurer, Brookwood Aid	$ 400.00	
George D. Colclough, Treasurer, ANNUAL Space	10.00	
Postage, Stationery and Supplies	16.00	
George D. Colclough, Treasurer, Brookwood Aid	380.00	
		806.00
Balance in Treasury, November 12, 1951		$ 103.54

Rev. Walstein W. Snyder spoke briefly on the work of the C. M. A.

The following recommendations were made and adopted: That survey studies be made this year of areas where new work might be initiated; That the study of the advisability of having the C. M. A. meet separately from the regular conference session be continued, with authority given the board to call a fall meeting, if thought advisable.

It was pointed out that the C. M. A. income is insufficient to continue aiding the Brookwood project, as voted priviously, at the rate of $1,000 per year, and that measures must be taken to correct this difficulty.

Dr. W. T. Scott spoke for increased C. M. A. memberships.

After discussion, it was decided to retain a previous action clearing up the confusion regarding the name of the C. M. A., designating the name as the North Carolina and Virginia Conference Missionary Association.

The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

President—Rev. Kenneth Register, Rt. 1, Burlington, N. C.
Secretary—Mrs. R. W. Isley, Rt. 1, McLeansville, N. C.
Treasurer—Rev. Robert T. Woodruff, Jr., Winston-Salem, N. C.

The C. M. A. adjourned.

J. ROBERT WALKER, *President*,
ROBERT T. WOODRUFF, JR.,
Acting Secretary.

MEMBERS OF THE C. M. A. FOR 1951-52 WHO PAID BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 1951.

Apple's Chapel—Church (5).
Belew Creek—Church.
Berea—Junior Philathea Class, Church, Sunday School.
Bethel—W. W. Snyder, Adult Sunday School Class.
Bethlehem—Mrs. Ida Simpson, Men's Bible Class, Ladies Aid, Junior and Beginners Class, Mrs. C. H. Gilliam.
Beverly Hills—Robert T. Woodruff, Jr., Mrs. Alice Woodruff.
Burlington, First—Egbert Truitt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sellars, Garland Huffman, Memorial to Dr. Walters, Young Adult Class.
Carolina—Sunday School, Church, Rev. and Mrs. Bland Leebrick.
Concord—Church.
Durham—Church (5), Harrell Bible Class, Mrs. W. H. Boone, Dr. Stanley Harrell.
Elon College—Dr. W. T. Scott, Mrs. W. T. Scott, George D. Colclough, Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. W. W. Sloan.
Gibsonville—C. R. Wicker, Mrs. Lester Stanley.
Greensboro First—M. T. Garren, O'Kelley Bible Class.
Greensboro, Palm Street—Church.
Happy Home—Mrs. Clarice Gunn, Missionary Society.
Haw River—Missionary Society.
Hines Chapel—Sunday School, Missionary Society, Mr. H. W. Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kellam, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Isley.
Hopedale—Ladies Mission Bible Class.
Ingram—G. I. Satterfield, Woman's Missionary Society, L. E. Carlton.
Liberty—Church, Women's Missionary Society.
Mt. Zion—Bible Class, Church, Zeb Lynch.
Pfafftown—Mrs. T. S. Scott, Mrs. Julius Franklin.
Pleasant Grove—Herbert Landrum.
Reidsville—J. L. Wray, Woman's Auxiliary, Neese Baraca Class.
Shallow Ford—W. Erwin Walker, Church.
Union (N. C.)—Woman's Society, Hustlers' Class, Willing Workers, Laymen's Fellowship, Adult Sunday School Class, Henry Fleming Class, Ella Fleming Class, J. Robert Walker.
Union (Va.)—Church (4), Dr. C. E. Newman, Mrs. T. W. Chandler, Rev. Mark W. Andes.
Winston-Salem—Woman's Association, W. J. Andes, J. A. Ingram.
Others—W. T. Dunn.

Minutes of the Sixtieth Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association

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LIBERTY SPRING CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1951.

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MORNING SESSION

The sixtieth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association met on December 4, 1951, at the Liberty Spring Christian Church. The president, Rev. W. Stanley Carne, called the session to order at 10:30. The worship service was led by Dr. I. W. Johnson, supply pastor of the Rosemont Congregational Christian Church.

A motion was made and approved to adopt the program as outlined for the occasion.

The financial secretary, with the aid of the recording secretary and several ministers, enrolled the following members and collected dues:

Antioch—

Barrett's—

Berea (*Nansemond*)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, $5; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, $5; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, $5; R. T. Bradford, $10; J. C. Matthews, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; L. A. Daniels, Jr., $5; H. S. Hardcastle, $5; T. J. Copeland, $10. Total, $105.

Bethlehem (*Disputanta*)—

Bethlehem (*Nansemond*)—Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Star Class, $10; Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Ladies' Aid Society Circle No. 1, $10; Ladies' Aid Society No. 2, $10; Mary Sue Brittle S. S. Class, $10; C. F. Savage, $10; Mrs. C. F. Savage, $5; Mr. A. C. Moore, $10; Arthur Wilkins, $10; R. E. Brittle, $10. Total, $115.

Burton's Grove—Sunday School (Memorial to Mrs. Nellie Burton), $10. Total, $10.

Centerville—

Cypress Chapel—W. C. Knight, $10; J. P. Byrd, $10; E. T. Farrell, $10; F. E. Harrell, $10; Earl Bunch, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Bible Class, $10. Total, $70.

Dendron—Mrs. Garland Spratley, $5. Total $5.

Eure—

Franklin—L. R. Jones, $10; E. P. Jones, $10; W. A. Grissom, $10; Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Carrie Beale, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Mrs. E. P. Jones, $5; Mrs. J. Letcher Eley, $5. Total, $90.

Great Birdge (*Berea*)—Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Berean Class, $10; Men's Class, $20; Sunday School, $10; Ladies' Auxiliary, $10; Church, $10; Edgar Eason, $10; D. W. McLain, $10; E. E. Waterfield, $10; Margaret LaMonte, $5; Lillian Hall, $5; Clarence Pierce, $10; Lucille Smith, $5; Friendship Class, $10; Senior Class, $10; Thelma Frost, $5. Total, $150.

Holland—Church, $25; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; E. L. Daughtrey, $10; J. D. Rawles, $10; Mrs. J. D. Rawles, $5; J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., $5. Total, $95.

Holy Neck—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Junior Baraca Class, $10; Mr. H. L. Worrell, $10; Bible Class, $10. Total, $50.

Hopewell—G. A. Robertson, Jr., $10; E. F. Brickhouse, $10. Total, $20.

Isle of Wight—

Johnson's Grove—

Liberty Spring—G. O. O'Berry, $35; R. E. Rogers Bible Class, $10; A. H. Savage Bible Class, $10; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Bertie Johnson Bible Class, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Young People's Missionary Society, $10; Joel E. Harrell, $10; Wesley Harrell, $10; G. Ronnie Holland, $10; N. W. Byrd, $10; I. T. Byrd, $10; Fulmer Eason, $10; Parke C. Brinkley, $10; E. F. O'Berry, $10; H. E. Savage, $10; Fermer Perry, $10; Joe Perry, $10; Starkey Perry, $10; Zacky Perry, $10; R. E. Rogers, $10; Jesse H. Dollar, $10; R. E. Parker, $10; Mrs. James C. Lynch, $5; Mrs. Joel Harrell, $5; Carolyn Sue Harrell, $5; Mrs. Wesley Harrell, $5; Mrs. Ronnie Holland, $5; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, $5; Mrs. Thurman Copeland, $5; Miss Hontas Rawls, $5; Mrs. Annie Byrd, $5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, $5; Mrs. Parke Brinkley, $5; Kaye Culver Brinkley, $5; Dick Brinkley, $5; Miss Lizzie Harrell, $5; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, $5; Walter O'Berry, $5; Betty Jean Oliver, $5; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, $5; Mrs Wesley Moore, $5; Miss Evelyn Riddick, $5; Mrs. Luther Wilkins, $5; Mrs. William T. Harrell, $5; Mrs. P. S. Harrell, $5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, $5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, $5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, $5; Mrs. N. H. Bradshaw, $5; Mrs. William Lowe, $5; Mrs. Stanley Russell, $5; (Memorial for Mrs. H. E. Savage) Mrs. Fermer Perry, $5; Frank Perry, $5; Judy Perry, $5; Mrs. Joe Perry, $5; Mrs. Starkey Perry, $5; Mrs. Zackey Perry, $5; Jerry Perry, $5; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, $5; Mrs. J. W. Tidwell, $5; Mrs. M. E. Copeland, $5; Mrs. R. E. Parker, $5; Thomas Stanley Harrell, $5; Dale Lawrence, $5; Janet Lynch, $5; Kathryn Lynch, $5. (14 new members) Total, $500.

Mt. Carmel—Mrs. Lizzie B. Turner, $5; Miss Essie Johnson, $5; Mrs. Otis V. Joyner, $5. Total, $15.

Mt. Zion—

New Lebanon—

Newport News—Church, $70; Woman's Auxiliary, $40; Robert Lee House Class, $10; Choir, $10; Sunday School, $28; Newman Bible Class, $10; Golden Rule Bible Class, $10; Annie Smith Bible Class, $10; Progressive Bible Class, $10; Jessie H. Dollar Class, $10; C. D. West, $10; W. B. Williams, $10; R. J. Moberg, $10; W. H. Baker, $10; Carson Coates, $10; C. E. Holland, $10; Board of Deacons, $10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, $5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, $5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughn, $5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, $5; Miss Grace Spivey, $5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, $5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, $5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, $5; Miss Katherine Harrell, $5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, $5; Mrs. R. C. Luke, $5; Mrs. R. J. Moberg, $5; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, $5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, $5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, $5; Mrs. H. B. Barnes, $5; Mrs. Edna R. Webb, $5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, $5; Mrs. C. L. Rountree, $5; Miss Nancy Luke, $5; Mrs. S. A. Morgan, $5; Mrs. Frank Blake, $5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, $5; Mrs. Rufus Powell, $5; Miss Shirley Lawson, $5; Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler (Given by her daughter), $5; Miss Alice Tate, $5; Mrs. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., $5; Mrs. E. T. Mason, $5; Mrs. Molly Harward (Given by the Molly Harward Circle), $5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, $5; Mrs. Shirley B. Hudson, $5; Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, $5; Mrs I. W. Ashburn, $5; Mrs. Mary Brinkley Ashburn, $5. Four new members. Total, $445.

Norfolk (*Bay View*)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Bartholomew Bible Class, $10; Pilgrim Fellowship, $10; Woman's Fellowship, $10; Temple Builders (Prayer group), $10; Mrs. B. G. Harrell, $5; Mrs. J. W. Cline, $5; William Wise, $10; Mrs. C. Hollrigell, $5; Rev. and Mrs. Griffin, $10. Total, $95.

Christian Temple—F. M. Brewer, $10; Mrs. F. M. Brewer, $5; Church, $20; Templemen's Bible Class, $10; Woman's Council, $20; T. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, $5; Dorcas Twiddy Bible Class, $20; Sunday School, $20; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, $5; R. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, $5; Friendship Bible Class, $10; W. Millard Stevens, $10; Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, $5; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Albright, $10; Church (Mission Fund), $20. Total, $205.

First Church (*Norfolk*)—

Little Creek—Church, $25; Missionary Society, $10; West Bible Class, $10; B. T. U. Class (Women), $5; Young People's Class, $10; Junior Boy's Class, $5; Junior Girl's Class, $5; Primary Class, $5; Beginners Class, $5; Mrs. M. E. Taylor, $5. Total, $85.

Rosemont—Church, $10; Mrs. St. Clair Dudley, $5; Mrs. O. S. Mills, $5; Mrs. H. L. Bondurant, $5; Mrs. Royal Gallup, $5; H. L. Bondurant, $10; Mrs. D. A. Dennis, $5; Mrs. C. L. Richardson, $5; Dr. L. C. Ferebee, $10; Joy Class (Mrs. Gilbert), $10; Mrs. H. L. Stewart, $5; Elmo Spencer, $10; Mrs. W. H. Garrett, $5; Mrs. B. M. Herbert, $5; Bettie Gibson, Bible Class, $10; Mrs. A. B. Williams, $5; Mrs. B. M. Williams, $5; Mr. B. W. Williams, $10; H. R. Morrison, $10; W. M. Sparkman, $10; Mrs. H. C. Hedley (Given by Mrs. I. W. Johnson), $5; Dr. I. W. Johnson, $10; C. L. Gibson Given in memory of Mrs. B. F. Gibson), $5; Fidelis Class, $10; Maude Hedley Class, $10; Sally Reane Class, $10; John Morrison Bible Class, $10; Young Men's Class, $10; Youth Fellowship, $10; Mrs. A. P. Coffield, $5; Mrs. E. L. Caldwell, $5; Mrs. Mary Rowland, $5; Mr. H. R. Morrison (In memory of Mrs. Roane), $5; Mrs. H. R. Morrison, $5. Thirty new members. Total, $250.

Second Church (Norfolk)—Morning Star Bible Class, $10; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Joseph Carter, Jr., $5; Mrs. L. L. Winslow, $5; Mrs. J. E. Neese, $5. Total, $45.

Oak Grove—

Oakland—N. G. Newman, $10; Forward Movement Bible Class, $10; Sunday school, $10; I. W. Johnson Bible Class, $10; Church, $10; A. L. Wagner, $10; Mrs. Mildred G. Knight, $5; Mrs. P. D. Howell, $5; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $10; C. W. Darden, $10; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, $5; H. S. Hardcastle, $5; O. W. Newman, $10; Loyal Fellowship Class, $10; Shelton Dailey, $10; Mrs. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $5; Mrs. H. L. Gayle, $5; Mrs. C. T. Pruden, $5; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Malbon E. Joyner, $10; Mrs. William Dailey, $5. Total, $180.

First (Portsmouth)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Woman's Fellowship, $10; Fidelity Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Mr. Harry Lee, $10; Elisha Whitley, $10; Percy Brinkley, $10; Rev. Stanley Carne, $10; J. T. Hendric, $10. Total, $100.

Elm Avenue—

Shelton Memorial—Church, $10; Senior Guild, $10; Junior Guild, $10; Mrs. W. Bridgood, $5; Mrs. Lyda Fleming, $5; Mrs. F. H. Lewis, $5. Total, $45.

Richmond—

South Norfolk—L. B. Class, $10; Sunday School, $10; Huba Class, $10; Jr. Department, $10; Intermediate Department, $10; Truth Seekers, $10; Primary Department, $5; Beginners Department, $10; Missionary, $10; Dorcas Class, $10; Mrs. Patrick White, $5; Mrs. Erwin Harris, $5; Church, $10. Total, $115.

Spring Hill—

Suffolk—J. B. Grantham, $10; Woman's Fellowship, $40; Philathea Class, $20; West Memorial, $20; Church, $20; Jr. Hi and Young People, $10; Mrs. C. B. Duke, $5; Mrs. A. S. Calhoun, $5, Mrs. A. A. Turner, $5; Miss Jamie Felton, $5; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, $5; Mrs. A. T. Holland, $5; Miss Susie Holland, $5; Mrs. J. D. McClenny, $5; Jr. Department, $10; Baraca Class, $10. Total, $180.

Damascus (Sunbury)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Class, $10; Rev T. Fred Wright, $10; Mr. J. M. Byrum, $10. Total, $50.

Union (Southampton)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Missionary Society, $10; Young People, $10; Finance Committee, $15; Joe Cutchins, $10; Edgar Blyth, $10; J. G. Joyner, $10; Morris Blyth, $10; Mrs. Sam Cutchins, $5; Mrs. Edward Sykes, $5; W. H. Scott, $10; Melvin Dollar, $10. Total, $125.

Union (Surry)—

Wakefield—

Waverly—Church, $10; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. T. West), $5; Mrs. A. B. Hartz, $5; Mr. A. P. Hartz, $10; Garland Gray, $20; Garland Gary (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), $5; Sunday School (Memorial to Judge J. F. West), $10; Sunday School, $10; Sarah Johnson Class, $10; Ladies' Aid Society, $10; Woman's Missionary Society, $10; Acorn Bible Class, $10. Total, $110.

Windsor—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Mrs. J. M. Raby, $5; S. T. Holland, $10; Mrs. S. T. Holland, $5. Total, $60.

Miscellaneous—Dr. Wm. T. Scott, $10.

After the roll was called and the memberships recorded, the following committees were appointed:

Place—Mrs. William T. Harrell.

Plans—Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Chairman, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. Duane Vore, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Wesley Harrell.

Nominations—Dr. Jessie Dollar, Dr. I. W. Johnson.

Resolutions—Rev. O. D. Yoythress, Mr. C. D. West, Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. I. W. Johnson

Press—Rev. C. C. Thomas, Rev. E. T. Harrell.

Auditing Committee—Mr. S. T. Holland, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Reports were given from the churches aided during the year 1951. Rev. M. E. Taylor reported on the work at Little Creek; Rev. Melvin Dollar told of the splendid work accomplished at Union, Southampton; Rev. J. E. Neese told of the work and progress at Second Church, Norfolk; Mr. S. T. Holland reported for the Windsor Church, and Mrs. I. S. Morris and Rev. J. L. Griffin told of the progress at Bay View.

The financial secretary reported that dues amounting to $3,245.00 had been collected. (The recording secretary received an additional $110.00 from the Waverly Church after the meeting, which was not included in the figure quoted by the financial secretary.) A motion was made to send these by Mr. S. T. Holland to the treasurer, Mr. E. L. Rawles.

The treasurer's report, as submitted by Mr. E. L. Rawles, was read by Mr. S. T. Holland, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December, 1950		$6,005.21
Received for Membership Dues		2,740.00
Total		$8,745.21

DISBURSEMENTS.

Second Church, Norfolk, Va., from C. M. A. on Building Fund	$1,000.00	
From Christian Temple on Building Fund	1,250.00	
Windsor Christian Church on Building Fund	350.00	
Union Southampton on Building Fund	600.00	
Bay View, to supplement Pastor's Salary	400.00	
Little Creek, to supplement Pastor's Salary	600.00	
Board of Publications for printing	35.00	
Flax Printing Co. for printing	11.00	
		4,246.00
Balance on Deposit with Farmers Bank of Windsor, Va.		$4,549.21
Check to Rev. M. E. Taylor, outstanding		50.00
Adjusted Balance		$4,499.21
Due Bay View Building Program, C. M. A.	$3,000.00	
Due Bay View, from donation by Christian Temple	1,250.00	
Total	$4,250.00	

E. L. RAWLES, *Treasurer.*

The auditing report was read by Mr. S. T. Holland, chairman of the Auditing Committee:

This is to certify that we have this third day of December, 1951, audited the books of E. L. Rawles, treasurer of the Christian Missionary Association of the Eastern Virginia Conference and found them correct.

The balance as shown in the treasurer's report of $4,549.21 agrees with the bank balance in the Farmers Bank, Windsor, Va., which balance has been verified with the bank.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. HOLLAND, *Chairman,*
MRS. W. V. LEATHERS.

The report was accepted as read.

In lieu of the president's address, a most inspiring address was given by the vice-president, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.

It was moved and carried that the Association adjourn to reconvene at 1:30 p. m. The morning session was then adjourned with the benediction given by Rev. W. A. Grissom.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 1:30, and Rev. O. D. Poythress led the song service. The invocation was given by Rev. Earl T. Farrell, pastor of Cypress Chapel Christian Church.

The Plans Committee submitted the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS.

We recommend the following appropriations:

1. To Hopewell Church on Pastor's salary, payable at the rate of $25.00 per month, $300.00.
2. To Sunbury to complete payment for parsonage, to be paid at once.
3. To Little Creek on pastor's salary, payable at the rate of $50.00 per month, $600.00.
4. To Bayview on pastor's salary, payable at the rate of $33.33 per month, $400.00.
5. To Second Church, Norfolk, to be used to meet first year's payments on parsonage, to be paid to the financing agency when arrangements for purchase are made, subject to the approval of the president of the C. M. A., $1,200.00.
6. That $750.00 of the funds remaining in the treasury be earmarked for a future new church.
7. That in view of the fact that Bayview Church now has its plans for its building and expects to begin construction at an early date, that the $3,000.00 earmarked for this project and the $1,250.00 contributed by the Congregational Christian Temple remain available for Bayview when the building is under construction, with the provision that unless the building is under way by June 1, 1952 that the money will revert to the general funds of the C. M. M. and be available for reallocation, and that the Congregational Christian Temple be requested to reallocate the $1,250 held for it by the C. M. A. to another project.

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Chairman,*
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
DUANE N. VORE,
WESLEY HARRELL,
MILLS E. GODWIN, JR.

The report was adopted.

The final hymn was sung, "Lead On, OKing Eternal," and Rev. Duane N. Vore, pastor of Suffolk Christian Church, pronounced the benediction, and the 1951 session was adjourned.

The report of the Committee on Place was given by Mrs. William T. Harrell. Invitations were received from Windsor and Second, Norfolk. The place of meeting for the 1952 session will be announced through *The Christian Sun.*

The report on Resolutions was read by Rev. O. D. Poythress, the following recommendations being made by the committee:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. We desire to express our appreciation to the program committee for a most excellent program of inspiration.
2. We want to commend the churches that brought in new memberships and also thank all the participating churches for their fine contributions.
3. We desire to thank Bishop K. C. Pallai of Madras, India, and Rev. H. E. Crutchfield for their timely and inspiring addresses.
4. We record with regret the passing of one of our most faithful and beloved ministers, the Rev. J. Frank Morgan, and we extend to the members of his family our sincere sympathy and prayers. May his life, ministry and service be an inspiration to each of us.
5. That we express to the pastor and members of the Liberty Spring Church, by a rising vote of thanks, our gratitude for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the C. M. A. for today's session.

O. D. POYTHRESS, *Chairman,*
J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
C. D. WEST,
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, and the following slate of officers was approved:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President—Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.
Vice-President—Rev. Earl T. Farrell.
Financial Secretary—Rev. R. E. Brittle.
Recording Secretary—Rev. Johnson L. Griffin.
Treasurer—Mr. E. L. Rawles.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Chairman,*
I. W. JOHNSON.

The main address was rendered by Bishop K. C. Pallai, of Madras, India. Following his address, a special offering was taken to help him in his work in his homeland.

W. STANLEY CARNE, *President,*
JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Antioch	E. J. Rohart	E. A. Showalter, R4, Harrisonburg	Max Showalter, Harrisonburg	86	2	2	3	6	82	14	69	15
Bethel	S. E. Madren	Mrs. H. T. Hensley, R2, Elkton	K. B. Dofflemyer, R2, Elkton	212	1	3	1	4	211	13	170	34
Bethlehem	Ralph M. Galt	Miss Ella Pickering, R1, Broadway	J. S. Sellers, R. 1, Broadway	87	....	....	1	4	83	18	123	18
Beulah	E. J. Rohart	Mrs. Joe Tibbins, Keezletown	(No Sunday School)	16	....	....	....	1	15	....	....	....
Concord	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Russell Smith, Timberville	Cecil Simmers, R. 1, Timberville	61	....	....	4	7	54	9	39	15
Dry Run	R. E. Newton	W. B. Burke, Star Rt., Woodstock	W. B. Burke, Star Rt., Woodstock	89	3	5	....	....	94	6	26	8
Joppa	R. E. Newton	Mrs. Ezylean Nicholson, Edinburg	(No Sunday School)	27	....	....	....	....	27	....	....	....
Leaksville	R. E. Newton	R. O. Rothgeb, R3, Luray	K. T. Rothgeb, R3, Luray	192	5	5	1	2	195	15	75	27
Linville	E. J. Rohart	Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Linville	Robt. Miller, R2, Harrisonburg	161	8	18	2	82	97	12	....	20
Mayland	E. J. Rohart	Mrs. Florence Spitzer, Broadway	T. F. Stoner, R. 1, Broadway	44	1	1	....	1	44	9	44	10
Mt. Lebanon	R. E. Newton	R. W. Comer, R. 1, Shenandoah	Mrs. Ruth Kite, R. 1, Shenandoah	131	2	2	1	2	131	11	115	36
Mt. Olivet (G)	S. E. Madren	Miss Winna Morris, Dyke	Elphis Morris, Stanardsville	135	5	8	2	6	137	16	56	6
Mt. Olivet (R)	S. E. Madren	Miss Laura E. Lam, R2, Elkton	Jas. Sandridge, Port Republic	154	7	8	2	6	156	15	99	27
New Hope	E. J. Rohart	H. E. Liskey, R3, Harrisonburg	Joe Van Pelt, R. 3, Harrisonburg	59	....	....	....	....	59	8	55	2
Newport	R. E. Newton	C. W. Louderback, R1, Shenandoah	Kermit Kibler, R. 1, Stanley	192	3	3	1	1	194	14	135	25
Palmyra	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, R3, Edinburg	Woodrow Baker; R. 3, Edinburg	91	....	....	....	....	91	7	26	10
Timber Ridge	....	Walton E. Brill, Yellow Spg., W. Va.	L. R. Brill, Yellow Springs, W. Va.	242	....	....	1	1	241	13	55	20
Winchester	R. A. Whitten	Roy A. Larrick, 367 E. Piccadilly	Catherine Carter, 651 Pennsylvan.	363	16	22	2	6	379	30	211	50
Wissler's Chapel	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Nina Will, Quicksburg	Claude Thomas, Mt. Jackson	75	....	4	1	1	78	8	60	10
Wood's Chapel	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Austin Kipps, New Market	Ray Stroup, New Market	116	....	1	1	1	116	8	80	16
Totals	....	....	....	2,533	53	82	23	131	2,484	226	1,438	349

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment
Antioch	$ 172	$ 100	$ 126	$ 75	$ 29	$ 31	$ 78	$ 8	$ 5	$ 12	$ 71	$ 707
*Bethel	114	75	67	82	24	24	61	15	9	13	45	529
Bethlehem	113	86	70	92	24	24	45	7	5	....	60	526
*Beulah	13	13	6	6	2	3	5	2	1	1	6	58
Concord	29	24	21	4	7	.....	.....	5	3	....	27	120
Dry Run	25	20	20	10	6	4	14	5	3	2	5	114
*Joppa	16	16	9	9	3	3	9	3	1	2	9	80
Leaksville	130	50	79	50	.....	28	69	15	10	14	105	550
Linville	109	100	754	91	.....	28	73	....	....	....	105	1,260
Mayland	8	3	3	3	2	2	8	2	2	2	65	100
*Mt. Lebanon	47	37	23	23	9	10	24	9	7	6	17	212
*Mt. Olivet (G)	56	52	116	33	11	11	30	10	7	5	69	400
Mt. Olivet (R)	40	30	24	24	9	9	23	10	8	5	60	242
*New Hope	51	45	33	33	12	18	28	5	3	4	35	267
*Newport	133	55	294	88	27	27	73	14	9	12	69	801
Palmyra	10	9	7	6	3	2	9	8	2	....	18	74
*Timber Ridge	111	91	66	66	22	22	59	19	12	12	69	549
*Winchester	192	218	118	100	61	58	169	23	15	17	110	1,081
*Wissler's Chapel	43	19	21	21	5	5	19	4	3	4	18	162
*Wood's Chapel	46	24	25	19	5	5	15	7	4	4	20	174
Totals	$1,458	$1,067	$1,882	$ 835	$ 261	$ 314	$ 811	$171	$109	$115	$983	$ 8,006

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
$ 59	.....	$ 153	$ 33	$ 56	$ 1,008	$ 600	$ 334	$ 230	$ 1,164	$ 2,172	$ 5,000	.....
.....	.....	138	15	65	747	695	186	600	1,481	2,228	11,000	.....
85	.....	.....	33	173	817	556	354	360	1,270	2,087	7,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	75	30	.....	105	163	2,000	.....
.....	$ 4	5	5	10	144	254	111	500	865	1,009	3,000	.....
13	10	.....	.....	23	160	238	43	1,005	1,286	1,446	10,000	.....
4	2	.....	.....	6	92	144	.....	.....	144	236	1,000	.....
53	16	161	.....	16	796	1,064	426	86	1,576	2,372	7,000	.....
30	.....	117	20	133	1,560	607	232	422	1,261	2,821	15,000	.....
.....	.....	11	1	8	120	480	210	.....	690	810	5,000	.....
16	11	3	.....	27	269	422	91	.....	513	782	1,500	.....
46	.....	10	.....	58	514	564	252	833	1,649	2,163	6,000	.....
6	6	35	.....	25	314	502	326	275	1,103	1,417	6,500	.....
.....	.....	47	13	7	334	350	130	273	753	1,087	4,000	.....
25	25	55	13	50	969	779	.....	.....	779	1,748	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	45	119	316	197	200	713	832	2,500	.....
11	20	.....	.....	.....	580	1,266	703	.....	1,969	2,549	14,000	.....
5	.....	183	.....	25	1,294	2,700	2,788	2,878	8,366	9,660	75,000	.....
13	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	360	110	.....	470	645	5,000	.....
20	14	38	.....	215	461	244	174	271	689	1,150	1,000	.....
$ 386	$ 108	$ 956	$ 133	$ 942	$ 10,531	$ 12,216	$ 6,697	$ 7,933	$ 26,846	$ 37,377	$ 186,500	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP —EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Antioch	Ellis N. Clark	W. E. Garrison, Jr., B. 154, Windsor.	W. E. Garrison, Jr., Windsor	108	6	13	3	12	109	12	69	20	22
Barretts		P. B. Barrett, Sedley	John Simms, Jr., Sedley	62	1	....	....	....	63	6	34	15	12
Berea, Nansemond	*H. S. Hardcastle	Mrs. H. P. Harrell, Box 104, Driver	Mrs. R. T. Bradford, R. 2, Suffolk	190	3	4	....	2	192	14	234	100	38
Bethlehem, Disp.	John Gallo	John C. Tomko, Prince George	Alvin Sykora, RFD, Pr. George	120	....	....	1	1	119	8	73	25	24
Bethlehem, Nans.	R. E. Brittle	W. E. White, 108 Chestnut, Suffolk	Edw. T. Johnson, R. 3, Suffolk	637	25	55	10	22	670	33	346	71	127
Burton's Grove		Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield	L. F. Logan, Wakefield	40	1	1	....	1	40	7	34	15	8
Centerville	J. E. McCauley	Mrs. F. W. Barlow, Disputanta	R. F. Livesay, Disputanta	66	1	1	1	3	64	8	36	10	13
Cypress Chapel	E. T. Farrell	Mrs. G. C. Mann, Cypress Chapel	James Leuter, R. 1, Suffolk	400	10	15	2	5	410	22	220	81	80
Dendron		Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron	40	1	2	2	12	30	10	40	10	37
Eure	R. E. Brittle	J. H. Lilly, Gatesville, N. C	T. A. Eure, Gatesville, N. C	298	12	14	4	12	300	10	135	100	8
Franklin	W. A. Grissom	W. T. Jones, Paces Court, Franklin		449	10	18	4	73	394	22	257	45	60
Great Bridge, Berea	H. E. Crutchfield	M. J. Forbes, R. 1, Hickory	D. W. McLain, Rt. 3, Norfolk	262	5	18	2	17	263	20	260	50	90
Holland	J. H. Lightbourne	J. R. Jones, Holland	L. P. Waldo, Jr., Holland	425	6	17	4	131	311	11	161	35	85
Holy Neck	Allen L. Hurdle	Mrs. Anne P. Carr, Holland	S. J. Felton, B. 112, Holland	331	2	11	3	6	336	18	190	25	66
Hopewell	E. F. Brickhouse	Mrs. Frank Sodomka, 106 S. 3d Ave.	G. A. Robertson, 207 N. 15th Ave.	212	....	....	2	73	139	11	58	12	42
Isle of Wight	Ellis N. Clark	Mrs. R. F. Whitley, Isle of Wight	S. Ray Turner, Isle of Wight	83	....	....	1	8	75	11	62	11	17
Johnson's Grove	W. A. Grissom	Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Sedley		49	....	....	....	14	35	....	....	....	10
Liberty Spring	*Jesse H. Dollar	Mr. J. C. Lynch, R1, B162, Suffolk	Jos. A. Savage, R. 1, Whaleyville	348	2	19	9	25	342	36	250	49	70
Mt. Carmel	Ellis N. Clark	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni	Stanley Lowe, Walters	223	3	7	4	13	217	22	242	60	45
Mt. Zion	W. S. Carne	Mrs. Geo. W. Dixon, Eclipse	John R. Turner, Eclipse	51	....	1	....	1	51	13	79	11	10
New Lebanon		Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon	54	....	....	1	2	52	6	35	20	11
Newport News	A. Lanson Granger	Mrs. J. H. Duling, 1218 20th St	W. B. Williams, 1253 24th St	577	7	25	....	56	546	31	347	75	115
Norfolk: Bay View	J. L. Griffin	C. C. Mountcastle, 8526 Sturgis St	L. D. Albert, 9400 Sturgis St	127	4	15	....	15	127	11	121	20	25
Christian Temple	W. M. Stevens	L. W. Vaughan, Jr., 730 Deleware	C. E. Reynolds, Jr., 504 Burleigh	844	22	39	13	29	854	26	434	110	169
First	C. C. Thomas	V. E. Holloman, 805 W. Liberty St.	Mrs. J. M. Harris, 201 Poplar Ave.	163	6	11	1	4	170	15	130	12	33

Little Creek	M. E. Taylor	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, 3200 Shore Dr.	A. J. Scarborough, 3200 Shore Dr.	60	4	4	....	1	63	10	125	22	12
Rosemont		Miss L. Halstead, 1011 Goodwin	H. R. Morrison, Sr., 2906 B'bridge.	541	9	15	5	13	528	35	367	100	108
Second	J. E. Neese	G. W. Highsmith, 722 W. 31st St.	W. W. Starnes, 6818 Granby Dr.	170	3	3	3	3	170	13	133	21	34
Oak Grove	E. T. Farrell	John F. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.	N. R. Eason, Sunbury, N. C.	68	5	5	2	5	68	6	57	11	14
Oakland	*H. S. Hardcastle	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton	C. W. Darden, R. 4, Suffolk	433	11	28	5	9	452	13	323	60	81
Portsmouth:													
Elm Avenue	R. Eugene Tally	B. P. Deans, 107 Baldwin Ave.	Eddie Frye, 427 Clifford St.	66	....	6	....	6	66	13	73	16	13
First	W. S. Carne	Harrell Byrd, 202 Arlington Place	W. W. Piland, 1716 Holliday St.	263	14	19	1	6	276	18	157	25	73
Shelton Memorial		W. F. Lawrence, 1724 Matthews Tr.	George Kilham, 225 Hatton St.	128	....	....	2	2	126	10	56	8	26
Richmond	R. C. Helfenstein	Mrs. B. W. Ward, 1212 Westminster	L. L. Bond, 523 Granite Ave.	167	6	17	1	9	175	17	119	20	33
South Norfolk	O. D. Poythress	C. E. Hollowell, 1044 Chesapeake	J. T. Hare, 837 Bainbridge Blvd.	813	25	30	4	246	597	59	479	180	163
Spring Hill	J. E. McCauley	H. E. Drewery, Jr., Wakefield	G. C. White, Waverly	74	1	1	....	....	75	7	48	12	15
Suffolk	Duane N. Vore	J. L. Byrd, 1008 Delaware Ave.	Floyd A. Turner, Suffolk	1,243	11	35	15	30	1,248	105	750	114	249
Sunbury	T. Fred Wright	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C.	C. H. Pierce, Jr., Sunbury, N. C.	184	3	9	2	6	187	11	125	30	37
Union, Southampton	Melvin Dollar	Miss Ruth Cobb, R3, Franklin	Norman Lankford, R2, Franklin	202	11	39	....	3	238	14	215	44	40
Union, Surry	J. M. Roberts	Frederick F. Huber, Dendron	G. S. Huber, Spring Grove	27	2	2	....	3	26	4	17	....	5
Wakefield		Wallace Brittle, RFD, Wakefield	Samuel Brittle, Wakefield	128	....	....	....	....	128	16	115	15	26
Waverly	J. E. McCauley	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly	R. H. Clarke, Waverly	200	11	12	3	11	201	15	140	20	22
Windsor	Ellis N. Clark	Miss M. V. Griffin, Windsor	S. T. Holland, Windsor	164	7	24	3	25	163	14	174	25	33
Totals				11,090	250	536	113	915	10,711	765	7,320	1,705	2,262

*I. W. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Conference Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment
Antioch	$ 55	$ 30	$ 22	.....	.....	.....	$ 20	$ 10	$ 5	$ 10	$ 30	.....	.....	$ 182
Barrett's	15	14	10	$ 20	$ 11	$ 7	7	5	5	5	.....	.....	.....	99
*Berea, Nansemond	100	99	93	60	44	33	62	10	15	10	15	25	$ 4	570
*Bethlehem, Disputanta	45	94	22	10	11	7	15	10	5	10	5	5	4	243
*Bethlehem, Nansemond	168	151	307	125	66	80	77	35	15	35	15	50	15	1,139
*Burton's Grove	15	14	11	10	11	7	15	2	5	2	5	5	1	103
*Centerville	15	14	17	15	10	5	7	4	5	4	5	5	2	108
Cypress Chapel	138	139	130	80	30	29	30	13	5	5	15	50	11	675
*Dendron	20	20	88	16	10	7	7	2	3	2	3	2	1	181
*Eure	50	50	50	50	10	10	42	15	10	15	10	10	10	332
*Franklin	285	311	245	245	45	80	154	22	15	22	15	75	13	1,527
*Great Bridge (Berea)	130	156	60	40	55	33	77	15	15	15	15	35	5	651
*Holland	300	250	367	250	58	70	184	28	10	28	10	75	12	1,642
*Holy Neck	110	110	158	140	45	45	112	20	10	20	10	25	9	814
*Hopewell	30	24	14	10	11	7	7	10	5	8	5	4	6	141
*Isle of Wight	35	42	30	75	11	7	30	5	10	5	10	10	2	272
*Johnson's Grove	20	20	16	10	11	7	7	5	5	5	5	3	2	116
*Liberty Spring	147	147	597	190	46	40	79	22	15	22	15	40	12	1,372
*Mt. Carmel	145	142	135	105	44	27	77	15	15	15	15	35	7	777
*Mount Zion	15	14	27	15	11	7	7	4	5	4	5	5	2	121
*New Lebanon	45	42	15	30	11	13	22	5	10	5	10	10	2	220
*Newport News	767	612	542	520	120	150	240	30	25	30	25	100	15	3,176
*Norfolk, Bay View	45	42	24	40	11	7	30	5	10	5	10	5	4	238
* Christian Temple	940	940	300	850	132	157	550	80	35	80	35	100	31	4,230
First	40	40	135	30	8	23	14	11	10	....	10	35	9	365
* Little Creek	20	20	48	5	5	3	7	5	2	5	2	2	1	125
Rosemont	413	529	650	300	50	81	145	30	25	30	25	80	14	2,372
Second	17	17	86	10	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	159
Oak Grove	60	25	24	60	11	7	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	192
*Oakland	180	180	176	125	33	27	72	25	10	25	15	35	10	913
*Portsmouth, Elm Ave.	145	136	40	50	22	27	46	12	5	12	5	30	3	533
First	200	199	150	185	44	47	107	10	10	10	10	35	6	1,013
* Shelton Memorial	45	43	24	15	22	13	31	5	10	5	10	5	3	231
*Richmond, First	145	142	178	185	22	27	77	10	15	10	15	35	5	866
*South Norfolk	240	241	306	230	44	33	130	42	15	40	15	60	20	1,416
*Spring Hill	45	45	39	30	11	7	30	5	5	5	5	10	2	239
Suffolk	960	960	781	1,025	166	201	433	100	40	....	40	300	43	5,049
*Sunbury	75	57	75	75	11	13	46	12	10	12	10	15	5	416
*Union, Southampton	87	85	72	75	11	13	37	10	20	10	20	15	5	460
*Union, Surry	27	27	96	20	11	7	7	3	5	3	5	5	2	218
Wakefield	18	18	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
*Waverly	170	170	72	196	22	13	123	15	15	15	10	25	5	851
Windsor	130	128	146	131	22	13	61	9	....	9	30	4	....	683
Totals	$6,652	$6,539	$6,378	$5,663	$1,329	$1,419	$3,224	$676	$460	$553	$515	$1,365	$303	$ 35,076

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
$ 34	.....	$ 112	.....	$ 53	$ 381	$ 600	$ 460	$ 27	$ 1,087	$ 1,468	$ 5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	350	377	.....	727	826	11,000	.....
179	.....	325	$ 95	300	1,469	2,000	1,200	4,000	7,200	8,669	57,000	.....
102	$ 15	5	.....	182	547	1,500	295	429	2,224	2,771	8,500	.....
125	.....	554	125	275	2,218	2,400	1,481	7,227	11,108	13,326	30,000	$ 850
.....	.....	35	10	2	150	350	52	260	662	812	7,000	.....
.....	7	.....	.....	.....	115	168	261	185	614	729	1,500	.....
.....	.....	348	.....	254	1,277	1,875	1,421	7,224	10,520	11,797	41,000	.....
40	5	136	.....	430	792	245	408	224	877	1,669	4,000	.....
.....	.....	98	60	25	515	600	325	.....	925	1,440	2,500	.....
470	.....	480	35	.....	2,512	3,800	3,764	11,313	18,877	21,389	117,000	3,100
60	.....	107	10	26	854	3,000	1,807	1,415	6,222	7,076	75,000	.....
425	25	286	65	224	2,667	3,000	2,964	2,469	8,433	11,100	105,000	3,500
429	.....	447	30	88	1,808	1,775	1,350	520	3,645	5,453	32,000	.....
.....	.....	26	.....	.....	167	662	599	85	1,346	1,513	1,500	.....
80	.....	85	10	65	512	625	699	2,125	3,449	3,961	25,000	.....
50	.....	70	.....	.....	236	200	16	.....	216	452	4,000	.....
378	30	546	460	1,131	3,917	3,000	2,423	1,932	7,355	11,272	70,000	.....
68	17	213	10	112	1,197	900	880	.....	1,780	2,977	10,000	.....
33	.....	47	.....	336	537	785	357	329	1,471	2,008	8,000	.....
.....	.....	26	.....	20	266	200	182	100	482	748	3,000	.....
117	107	384	435	735	4,954	3,900	3,457	287	7,644	12,598	133,500	14,740
.....	.....	120	105	26	489	2,608	954	250	3,812	4,301	14,000	.....
827	.....	648	185	608	6,498	5,225	17,369	5,945	28,539	35,037	510,000	7,000
.....	.....	91	.....	90	546	3,445	2,081	351	5,877	6,423	56,000	.....
.....	.....	93	80	.....	298	1,820	378	999	3,197	3,495	12,000	.....
600	50	452	25	860	4,359	2,797	5,170	770	8,737	13,096	92,500	.....
29	.....	75	55	.....	318	3,975	1,639	10,700	16,314	16,632	50,000	20,000
67	.....	71	.....	.....	330	212	123	354	689	1,019	6,850	.....
444	43	273	110	671	2,454	1,950	2,604	3,631	8,185	10,639	77,000	.....
.....	.....	68	10	1,316	1,927	1,788	679	570	3,037	4,964	25,000	.....
182	.....	205	50	25	1,475	3,000	3,775	2,000	8,775	10,250	114,000	3,500
.....	.....	115	20	5	371	3,310	1,665	76	5,051	5,422	26,000	.....
188	25	112	.....	200	1,391	3,500	4,147	526	8,173	9,564	282,000	.....
.....	.....	230	105	259	2,010	4,040	4,483	2,360	10,883	12,893	253,000	.....
.....	.....	305	.....	5	549	180	95	41	316	865	5,000	.....
352	.....	1,731	175	.....	7,307	4,500	16,729	.....	21,229	28,536	310,000	.....
30	.....	190	40	70	746	1,300	1,100	425	2,825	3,571	38,000	2,800
125	.....	180	60	75	900	3,600	617	21,000	25,217	26,117	47,000	15,000
40	.....	.....	.....	25	283	120	25	.....	145	428	4,000	.....
.....	.....	107	.....	.....	153	.....	.....	.....	.....	153	25,000	.....
.....	.....	338	110	491	1,790	1,905	1,404	210	3,519	5,309	36,800	.....
150	13	211	40	53	1,150	1,000	1,641	17,461	20,102	21,252	77,000	23,000
$5,624	$ 337	$9,945	$2,515	$9,037	$ 62,534	$ 82,210	$ 91,456	$107,820	$281,486	$344,020	$2,812,050	$ 93,490

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Amelia	F. P. Register	Hilda Gray Johnson, Clayton	Howard Godwin, R. 1, Clayton	167	14	21	2	3	185	8	148	40	33
Antioch		H. L. Wall, Elams	J. S. Whitby, Elam	112		3		3	112	6	72	15	22
Auburn	W. C. Ferrell	Mrs. Gladys Allen, R. 2, Raleigh	J. C. Ford, Garner	158	3	6	1	1	163	19	96	60	32
Bethel	J. Lee Johnson			*22					*22				4
Bethlehem		Miss Myrtle Gray, Littleton	Luther Walker, R. 2, Littleton	79			1	1	78	8	46	10	16
Beulah	Carl Wallace	A. W. Watkins, R. 4, Zebulon	W. C. Barham, Sr., R2, Wk. Forest	314	10	24	6	16	322	10	212		63
Catawba Springs				*244					*244				49
Chapel Hill	R. L. Jackson	Norma Neville, 11 Stevens St.	M. H. Jennings, Jr., McCauley St.	80	1	10		7	83	12	66	13	16
Christian Chapel	G. M. Tally	R. B. Dickins, Corinth	R. B. Dickens, Corinth	127	6	7		4	130	5	47		25
Christian Light	G. M. Tally	E. M. Blanchard. R. 2, Fuquay Spgs.	J. R. Johnson, R3, Fuquay Spgs.	191	3	9	3	5	195	11	130		38
Clayton	J. L. Atkins (Bpt)	Mrs. Edith Lee Clayton	S. Y. Barbour, Clayton	*41					*41		120		8
Damascus	W. A. Rich	Mrs. Paul Long, R. 3, Chapel Hill	Jerome Crabtree, R3, Chapel Hill	71	2	5	1	17	59	5	35		14
Ebenezer	W. C. Farrell	Jas. A. King, R3, Durham	F. G. King, Hope V., Durham	213	12	17	2	5	225	11	137	10	43
Fayetteville	K. M. Lindner	Mrs. Gilbert Herring, 729 Hillsboro			5	12			12	6	24		
Fuller's Chapel	E. M. Carter	Margaret Edwards, R. 4, Henderson	T. T. Coghill, R. 4, Henderson	141	10	10		3	148	17	129	23	28
Good Hope	E. M. Carter	Margaret Davis, R. 1, Youngsville	Vivian Davis, RFD, Youngsville	101		1	1	2	100	6	41	10	20
Hayes Chapel	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. Hettie Sandy, Box 213, Garner	Robert Goss, R. 3, Raleigh	71	1	11	2	8	74	5	84		14
Henderson	J. Frank Apple	Mrs. J. A. Hall, Box 205, Henderson	J. Lee Lassiter, Jr., Henderson	308	4	11	2	8	311	12	194	58	62
Hope Mills	R. L. House	Mrs. Claude Smith, Hope Mills	D. C. Culbreth, Hope Mills	47	1	10	1	1	56	7	54	15	9
Lebanon	G. M. Tally	Mrs. Challie Holt, R2, Sanford	Charlie Holt, R. 2, Sanford	57	4	4		12	49	4	30	8	11
Lee's Chapel	F. P. Register	Mrs. Junnie Gunter, RFD, Moncure	Mrs. Paul Thomas, R5, Sanford	74	1	1	1	13	62	9	79	10	15
Liberty, Vance		Margaret Alston, R. 1, Henderson	K. G. Weldon, R. 1, Henderson	427	5	6	3	11	422	25	325	35	85
Martha's Chapel	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. Ernest Council, R. 3, Apex	Ed. Currie, 722 Arnet, Durham	65		5	3	3	67	6	55	10	13
Moore Union	G. M. Tally	Mrs. J. W. Lett, R. 7, Sanford	N. G. Burns, R. 2, Sanford	109			3	3	106	7	42	10	22
Morrisville	W. A. Rich	Mrs. G. J. Green, Morrisville	J. F. Hilliard, Cary	49	2	6		3	52	8	43	5	10

Mt. Auburn	W. A. Rich	Mrs. Eugene Wilson, Middleburg	William B. Ellington, Manson	156	....	....	1	4	152	12	97	16	31
Mt. Carmel	J. Frank Apple	Mrs. R. L. Pearce, R. 1, Franklinton	Clifton Blackley, R1, Franklinton	120	2	3	2	43	80	9	75	15	24
Mt. Gilead	Warren Matthews	Mrs. J. E. Jones, Box 101, Louisburg	William Wester, R2, Louisburg	164	3	7	2	7	164	8	63	10	33
Mt. Hermon	E. M. Carter	Mrs. Guy Smith, RFD, Garner	Mrs. Jose. Pendergrass, Garner	112	4	5	1	3	114	10	76	18	22
New Elam	R. T. Grissom	Lola Jones, R. 1, New Hill	K. B. Riddle, R1, New Hill	272	11	11	4	7	276	7	92	15	54
New Hope	Carl Wallace	Mrs. J. C. Hoyle, R. 1, Louisburg	Odell Arnold, R. 1, Louisburg	268	2	5	1	23	250	8	148	29	54
Niagara	E. C. Brady			*41	....	....	....	....	*41	....	....	25	8
Oak Level		J. W. Hudson, RFD, Youngsville	Albert Perry, RFD, Wake Forest	134	2	6	2	6	134	7	99	21	27
O'Kelly's Chapel	R. T. Grissom	Miss Doris Darnell, R3, Durham	B. H. Ellis, R3, Durham	26	....	....	1	3	23	9	35	12	5
Piney Plain		Mrs. J. P. Stephens, R. 4, Raleigh	J. L. Stephens, R. 4, Raleigh	82	6	10	2	4	88	8	102	10	16
Pleasant Hill	G. M. Tally	D. O. Neighbors, Benson	Z. B. Byrd, Jr., Benson	52	3	3	1	2	53	7	40	....	10
Pleasant Union				*139	....	....	....	....	*139	....	....	....	28
Plymouth	F. P. Register	Mrs. C. C. Terrell, R3, Raleigh	Lercy Sealey, R3, Raleigh	112	2	3	....	6	109	18	169	45	22
Pope's Chapel	E. M. Carter	Ethel Holmes, R. 1, Franklinton	Henry F. Holmes, Franklinton	103	3	3	4	4	102	7	78	18	21
Raleigh		Miss Susie Allen, 612 W. Lane St.	Mrs. W. D. Suter, 408 Stacy St.	260	2	7	1	16	251	10	97	50	52
Sanford	W. B. O'Neill	Mrs. R. W. Cline, Box 133, Sanford	R. W. Cline, Box 133, Sanford	224	7	17	2	9	232	15	196	37	45
Shallow Well	W. L. Wood			256	6	18	3	14	260	13	312	100	51
Six Forks				*23	....	....	....	....	*23	....	....	....	5
Southern Pines	R. L. House	D. A. Blue, Jr., Box 246, So. Pines	Thomas E. Shockley, Box 247	294	13	28	10	10	312	16	151	60	59
Turner's Chapel	W. L. Wood	Mrs. D. V. Wicker, R. 5, Sanford	D. Z. Harton, R5, Sanford	117	5	13	2	6	124	10	181	36	23
Wake Chapel	F. P. Register	Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Fuquay Springs	Melvin Cotton, R. 2, Varina	290	3	16	2	6	300	18	260	....	58
Wentworth	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. J. W. Hines, R. 3, Raleigh	C. B. Brown, R3, Raleigh	125	2	7	1	2	130	16	150	....	25
Youngsville	E. M. Carter	W. G. Scarborough, Youngsville	Mrs. E. M. Carter, Youngsville	46	....	....	....	1	45	8	48	12	9
Totals				6,684	160	341	74	305	6,720	423	4,678	821	1,334

*Figures of last available report.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment
*Amelia	$ 38	$ 58	$ 83	$ 22	$ 7	$ 7	$ 25	$ 8	$ 4	$ 3	$ 7	$ 262
*Antioch	18	18	17	17	7	7	17	8	4	2	7	122
Auburn	60	60	117	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	267
Bethel	1	1	68	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93
*Bethlehem	13	13	6	6	3	3	16	6	2	2	3	73
*Beulah	30	30	150	18	7	7	25	22	2	3	5	299
Catawba Springs	.....	.....	304	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	304
*Chapel Hill	54	54	41	34	11	11	33	4	6	5	11	264
Christian Chapel	17	18	23	11	1	10	11	1	.....	.....	.....	92
Christian Light	10	15	56	.....	.....	.....	15	5	.....	.....	5	106
Clayton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Damascus	34	35	31	29	11	9	29	7	2	4	7	198
Ebenezer	.....	.....	210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	210
*Fayetteville	19	19	11	12	3	4	8	3	3	3	.....	85
*Fuller's Chapel	38	38	50	33	9	10	33	9	5	4	9	238
*Good Hope	25	25	18	18	7	7	20	8	3	3	5	139
Hayes Chapel	25	26	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	171
*Henderson	63	63	277	154	20	34	48	19	9	10	15	112
*Hope Mills	33	33	34	28	9	9	20	3	2	3	5	179
*Lebanon	20	20	18	18	5	8	18	3	2	2	5	119
*Lee's Chapel	20	20	19	19	5	5	18	5	3	3	5	122
*Liberty, Vance	177	197	294	313	45	45	111	28	20	23	37	1,290
*Martha's Chapel	20	20	12	12	7	7	18	6	2	2	5	111
Moore Union	30	30	31	12	1	9	23	.....	.....	.....	7	143
*Morrisville	40	40	105	27	9	9	15	4	5	3	9	266
*Mt. Auburn	76	76	263	96	30	30	51	8	8	9	13	660
*Mt. Carmel	30	30	21	21	7	7	23	8	3	3	5	158
*Mt. Gilead	56	56	35	34	14	14	39	14	6	5	11	284
Mt. Hermon	15	25	34	15	7	7	10	3	2	.....	5	123
New Elam	43	43	157	15	.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	288
New Hope	38	38	63	30	11	11	29	18	5	4	.....	247
Niagara	13	13	10	10	4	4	12	2	7	2	.....	77
*Oak Level	38	38	31	31	11	14	29	8	5	4	9	218
*O'Kelly's Chapel	8	8	5	5	1	1	12	2	1	2	3	48
Piney Plain	.....	.....	82	22	.....	20	55	.....	.....	.....	28	207
Pleasant Hill	26	26	57	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	138
Pleasant Union	10	10	294	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	314
Plymouth	35	46	44	44	9	9	28	11	3	4	.....	233
*Pope's Chapel	38	38	36	36	9	9	29	8	5	4	9	221
Raleigh	58	58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116
*Sanford	63	63	100	82	14	14	44	16	7	9	13	425
*Shallow Well	56	56	190	54	14	14	40	14	5	7	11	461
Southern Pines	63	63	63	63	14	14	34	16	8	10	.....	348
*Turner's Chapel	30	30	115	42	9	9	23	6	.....	5	7	276
*Wake Chapel	164	164	2,020	220	20	20	70	18	15	18	25	2,754
Wentworth	.....	.....	92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92
*Youngsville	20	20	15	15	9	9	19	4	3	4	5	123
Totals	$1,665	$1,734	$5,802	$1,618	$ 350	$ 49	$1,065	$305	$157	$165	$321	$ 13,676

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 154	$ 416	$ 650	$ 833	$ 672	$ 2,145	$ 2,561	$ 4,000	.....
$ 22	.....	.....	.....	75	219	300	164	1,000	1,464	1,683	3,500	.....
.....	.....	$ 11	.....	.....	278	500	214	304	1,018	1,296	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	2,500	.....
25	$ 5	.....	.....	.....	103	250	65	144	459	562	1,500	.....
18	24	18	.....	200	559	800	250	4,460	5,510	6,069	15,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	304	.....	.....	.....	.....	304	20,000	.....
78	.....	54	.....	.....	396	1,440	1,300	1,922	4,662	5,058	30,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	92	205	57	389	651	743	2,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	544	409	.....	953	1,059	20,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000	.....
10	.....	.....	.....	.....	208	600	153	106	859	1,067	7,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	210	500	685	3,500	4,685	4,895	10,600	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	200	334	796	1,330	1,415	25,000	.....
80	10	55	.....	.....	383	300	470	9,000	9,770	10,153	12,000	$ 5,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	139	300	55	20	375	514	4,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171	.....	.....	.....	.....	171	5,000	.....
350	.....	221	$ 40	.....	1,323	3,000	2,081	180	5,261	6,584	30,000	.....
.....	11	17	.....	.....	207	520	250	137	907	1,114	3,800	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	168	33	.....	201	320	2,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	122	300	460	.....	760	882	4,000	.....
180	50	248	65	.....	1,833	1,500	1,903	51	3,454	5,287	34,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111	239	96	.....	335	446	3,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	143	200	75	.....	275	418	5,000	.....
50	.....	.....	.....	.....	316	290	279	.....	569	885	4,000	.....
150	.....	605	.....	178	1,593	600	251	16	867	2,460	9,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	88	246	250	68	500	818	1,064	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	284	600	238	.....	838	1,122	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	123	300	140	.....	440	563	4,000	.....
29	.....	.....	.....	.....	317	400	250	225	875	1,192	7,000	.....
25	12	38	.....	172	494	830	488	4,283	5,601	6,095	10,000	.....
29	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	106	5,000	.....
30	.....	15	.....	116	379	400	230	.....	630	1,009	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	240	48	.....	288	336	3,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	207	316	.....	.....	316	523	3,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	138	176	97	.....	273	411	6,200	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	314	.....	.....	.....	.....	314	3,500	.....
.....	.....	13	.....	.....	246	500	636	600	1,736	1,982	6,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	221	400	45	.....	445	666	6,000	.....
.....	.....	186	.....	10	312	4,080	2,569	663	7,312	7,624	125,000	.....
214	12	215	.....	150	1,016	3,150	1,908	2,100	7,158	8,174	100,000	14,950
.....	.....	133	.....	175	769	1,250	1,387	325	2,962	3,731	40,000	.....
55	32	115	.....	.....	550	3,870	957	.....	4,827	5,377	125,000	.....
.....	.....	12	.....	200	488	1,000	498	1,317	2,815	3,303	20,000	.....
210	42	176	.....	297	3,479	1,500	3,339	14,214	19,053	22,532	50,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	102	194	500	287	757	1,544	1,738	5,000	.....
.....	.....	31	.....	12	166	445	514	3,500	4,459	4,625	9,500	.....
$1,555	$ 198	$2,163	$ 105	$1,929	$ 19,626	$ 33,613	$ 24,106	$ 51,181	$108,900	$128,526	$ 821,100	$ 19,950

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 7—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Albemarle	T. D. Sutton	Alfred G. Plyler, 708 N. Depot St.	Martin Deese, 535 Salisbury Ave.	273	2	3	....	8	268	19	202	34	55
Antioch (C.)	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. G. O. Lassiter, B. 43, Pittsboro	W. C. Thomas, R. 2, Bear Creek	119	4	13	....	3	129	8	94	15	24
Antioch (R.)	H. W. Bray	Henry Ritter, R. 1, Seagrove	Robt. C. Hayes, R. 1, Seagrove	113	....	....	....	....	113	....	151	30	.....
Asheboro	F. C. Lester	Mrs. Orva Brown, 967 Straight St.	W. H. Hughes, Jr., 1013 Sunset	101	21	45	1	2	144	24	242	19	20
Bailey's Grove	W. T. Madren	Mrs. Pearl Allred, R. 1, Asheboro	Edwin Hill, R. 1, Asheboro	36	14	19	....	30	25	6	85	15	7
Bennett	J. Q. Pugh	L. M. Murray, Bennett	L. M. Murray, Bennett	*32	....	....	....	....	*32	....	.....	10	6
Big Oak	W. T. Madren	D. E. Cole, R. 1, Biscoe	Lloyd Steele, R1, Eagle Springs	63	....	2	....	....	65	15	100	25	13
Biscoe	.....	Edgar Freeman, Biscoe	Clarence Coggin, R. 1, Biscoe	53	....	....	....	32	21	7	42	.....	11
Brown's Chapel	H. V. Cox, Sr.	Mrs. Viola Key, R. 2, B. 2, Robbins	Chas. H. Key, R. 2, Robbins	205	8	8	1	6	207	7	133	20	41
Center Grove	L. W. Burgess	Mrs. J. B. Shaver, R. 1, Moncure	Miss Eva Williams, Sanford	22	....	....	....	14	8	5	25	5	4
Ether	R. L. Clapp	May Alice Freeman, Ether	H. J. Cochrane, Ether	75	5	6	1	1	80	7	45	18	17
Flint Hill (M.)	E. C. Brady	Miss Etta Rea Britt, R. 1, Biscoe	Paul Britt, R. 1, Biscoe	57	7	7	....	....	64	5	45	25	51
Flint Hill (R.)	W. T. Madren	Miss Lola Farlow, R. 1, Sophia	Harvey Lanier, R. 1, Sophia	38	1	2	....	....	40	8	40	12	8
Grace's Chapel	.....	A. C. Farrell, Sanford	Mack Simpson, R. 1, Sanford	208	7	11	2	12	207	11	203	35	42
Hank's Chapel	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. Winfred Mann, B. 335, Pittsboro	Ralph Riddle, B. 86, Pittsboro	222	2	2	2	9	215	11	171	60	44
High Point	G. H. Veazey	Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, R. 5, Box 113	D. J. Cates, 316 Phillips St.	83	....	6	3	15	74	12	123	42	17
Liberty	L. M. Pressnell	Miss Mary F. Fogleman, Liberty	Wade Bare, Liberty	100	2	5	3	7	98	12	120	27	20
Mt. Pleasant	G. M. Tally	L. D. Brooks, R. 2, Vass	E. M. Marks, R. 2, Cameron	64	12	14	....	3	75	7	75	15	13
Needham's Grove	M. L. Fogleman	Mrs. Graham Hussey, R. 1, Steeds	Newton Owens, R. 1, Steeds	144	7	11	....	....	155	10	149	50	29
New Center	H. V. Cox, Sr.	Mrs. A. L. Davis, Seagrove	Elbert Beck, Seagrove	97	2	2	....	4	95	5	80	10	19
Parks Cross Roads	.....	.....	.....	*212	....	....	....	....	*212	....	.....	50	42
Patterson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	*23	....	....	....	....	*23	....	.....	.....	5
Pleasant Cross	M. L. Fogleman	Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, R. 1, B. 362, Asheb.	Victor Smith, R. 1, Asheboro	53	8	10	....	2	61	6	55	20	11
Pleasant Grove	E. Carl Brady	Mrs. J. M. Brown, R. 1, Bennett	M. E. Jones, R. 1, Bennett	344	16	24	5	15	353	12	207	40	69
Pleasant Hill	M. A. Pollard	Mrs. E. Wrenn, R. 2, Snow Camp	R. P. Overman, R. 2, Liberty	252	4	8	1	3	257	11	292	75	50

Pleasant Ridge	Clyde L. Fields	Mrs. Harry Stewart, B. 84, Ramseur.	Theodore Cox, R. 1, Ramseur	183	8	9	....	2	190	7	168	35	37
Pleasant Union	B. H. Lowdermilk	Mrs. I. L. McDowell, R. 2, Asheboro.	Lewis Trotter, R. 3, Asheboro	41	2	3	1	4	40	8	125	21	8
Providence Chapel	J. U. Fogleman	H. B. J. Moore, R. 2, B. 27, Robbins.	H. B. J. Moore, R2, B27, Robbins.	24	....	....	....	4	20	....	.....	5	5
Ramseur	Clyde L. Fields	R. L. Smith, R. 1, B. 456a, Asheboro	Roy L. Smith, R. 1, Asheboro	121	1	1	2	4	118	19	136	25	24
Randleman	B. H. Lowdermilk	Wm. G. Lamb, B. 95, Randleman	Vance Dorsett, Randleman	51	3	3	....	....	54	8	90	26	10
Seagrove	R. L. Clapp	Mrs. Shelton Graves, Seagrove	William Thomas, Seagrove	90	4	4	2	2	92	8	100	20	18
Shady Grove	R. L. Clapp	Mrs. Treva Freeman, Ether	C. H. Shankle, Ether	81	8	12	3	3	90	8	58	10	16
Shiloh	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. N. W. Brooks, R. 1, Ramseur	K. F. Moore, R. 1, Ramseur	111	10	11	1	15	107	8	97	25	22
Smithwood	John Bowers	Edward Smith, R. 3, Liberty	Thos. B. Lowe, R. 1, Liberty	176	....	2	3	3	175	9	130	30	35
Sophia	W. T. Madren	Mrs. Conrad Hollingsworth, Sophia.	L. Waynick, 915 Spg. Gdn., G'boro	59	10	13	2	3	69	10	70	15	12
Spoon's Chapel	Clyde L. Fields	Mrs. C. F. Saunders, Jr., Asheboro	C. F. Sanders, Jr., Asheboro	30	5	8	....	....	38	9	60	10	6
Union Grove	Clyde L. Fields	Arlin Cable, R. 4, Asheboro	Paul Wilson, R. 1, Asheboro	109	4	7	2	8	108	15	100	42	22
Zion	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. L. L. Baker, R. 5, Sanford	C. M. Wicker, R. 4, Sanford	135	1	16	2	4	147	8	90	18	27
Totals				4,200	178	287	37	218	4,269	325	3,752	934	883

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment
*Albemarle	$ 100	$ 100	$ 75	$ 75	$ 20	$ 20	$ 60	$ 25	$ 5	$ 10	$ 20	$ 510
Antioch (C)	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61
Antioch (R)	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14
*Asheboro	125	140	50	50	20	20	30	10	5	10	20	480
*Bailey's Grove	15	15	15	15	10	10	15	5	5	5	10	120
Bennett	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	.....	15
Big Oak	25	37	47	20	5	9	20	5	2	2	25	197
Biscoe	5	5	4	4	1	1	20	1	1	1	.....	43
Brown's Chapel	38	38	20	18	9	9	37	16	5	5	.....	195
Center Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Ether	50	50	40	25	10	10	40	5	5	5	20	260
Flint Hill (M)	25	25	20	20	10	10	2	.....	5	5	10	132
*Flint Hill (R)	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	10	5	5	10	160
*Grace's Chapel	60	60	60	50	20	20	40	20	5	5	35	375
*Hank's Chapel	119	119	538	60	20	20	40	20	5	10	25	976
*High Point	40	40	68	30	10	10	30	10	5	5	20	268
*Liberty	50	50	45	35	10	10	30	10	5	10	25	280
Mt. Pleasant	24	24	20	20	8	8	24	4	4	4	15	155
*Needham's Grove	35	35	20	20	10	10	30	10	5	10	20	205
New Center	15	15	10	13	5	5	14	5	3	5	20	110
Parks Cross Roads	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patterson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Pleasant Cross	25	25	64	20	10	10	25	5	5	10	10	209
*Pleasant Grove	50	57	35	35	20	20	30	30	5	10	25	317
*Pleasant Hill	125	125	266	75	35	40	70	25	5	10	50	826
*Pleasant Ridge	120	125	65	65	20	46	60	15	5	10	65	596
*Pleasant Union	25	25	161	20	26	10	25	5	5	10	20	332
Providence Chapel	15	15	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	.....	75
Ramseur	70	70	250	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	431
Randleman	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35
*Seagrove	40	40	40	40	20	20	40	10	5	10	25	290
*Shady Grove	25	25	20	20	5	5	20	10	5	5	5	145
Shiloh	.....	.....	173	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	173
Smithwood	50	50	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	170
*Sophia	25	25	20	20	20	10	30	5	5	10	25	195
*Spoon's Chapel	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	5	15	160
*Union Grove	25	25	20	20	10	10	25	10	5	5	25	180
*Zion	25	25	295	20	10	10	25	15	5	5	15	450
C. M. A. Collections	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$1,405	$1,444	$2,629	$ 842	$ 370	$ 420	$ 829	$297	$131	$193	$580	$ 9,140

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
$ 56	$ 37	$ 103	.....	$ 678	$ 1,384	$ 1,750	$ 3,286	$ 1,848	$ 6,884	$ 8,268	$ 25,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	300	.....	.....	300	361	1,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	200	.....	.....	200	214	22,000	.....
100	.....	160	.....	839	1,579	4,004	294	3,927	8,225	9,804	55,000	$ 15,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	261	.....	.....	261	381	3,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	143	.....	.....	143	158	2,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	197	314	420	840	1,574	1,771	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	112	85	.....	197	240	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195	472	.....	.....	472	667	4,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	75	75	2,500	.....
5	13	.....	.....	268	546	552	8	20	580	1,126	3,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	179	.....	.....	179	311	1,500	.....
.....	.....	24	.....	.....	184	166	.....	82	248	432	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	375	800	.....	.....	800	1,175	10,000	.....
221	.....	228	.....	.....	1,425	900	540	8,377	9,817	11,242	18,000	.....
61	27	33	.....	75	464	2,340	273	1,298	3,911	4,375	15,000	1,287
100	10	30	.....	47	467	750	1,002	1,641	3,393	3,860	7,500	2,490
.....	10	10	.....	.....	175	327	413	.....	740	915	3,000	.....
.....	25	.....	.....	79	309	697	812	2,500	4,009	4,318	6,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110	628	.....	.....	628	738	2,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	209	300	150	463	913	1,122	4,000	.....
28	.....	13	.....	28	386	800	958	.....	1,758	2,144	10,000	.....
.....	.....	60	.....	363	1,249	2,250	96	.....	2,346	3,595	30,000	.....
61	.....	97	.....	558	1,312	1,200	80	6,422	7,702	9,014	20,000	2,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	330	662	967	10	164	1,141	1,803	2,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	434	.....	500	934	1,009	2,000	.....
.....	.....	60	.....	426	917	600	132	.....	732	1,649	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	175	210	960	100	15,000	16,060	16,270	30,000	6,000
20	.....	.....	.....	105	415	1,200	83	418	1,701	2,116	7,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	9	154	502	54	687	1,243	1,397	1,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	173	546	66	.....	612	785	15,000	.....
.....	.....	10	.....	50	230	867	223	850	1,940	2,170	6,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	73	268	1,040	61	693	1,794	2,062	3,000	.....
31	.....	25	.....	25	241	350	54	89	493	734	1,900	.....
.....	15	28	.....	104	327	550	211	2,127	2,888	3,215	12,000	.....
100	.....	.....	.....	96	646	500	206	.....	706	1,352	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	$ 300	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	.....	.....
$ 783	$ 137	$ 881	$ 300	$4,328	$ 15,569	$ 28,036	$ 9,617	$ 47,946	$ 85,599	$101,168	$ 374,400	$ 26,777

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 9—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Apple's Chapel	J. R. Lackey	Mrs. R. E. Apple, Whitsett	J. P. Huffines, R. 1, Gibsonville	458	20	23	3	7	474	13	266	80	92
Asheville	F. E. Ratzell	Traynham Houston, 147 Westwood	Mrs. F. G. Nelson, Horizon Hill	82	....	10	2	7	85	6	54	.....	16
Belew Creek	C. O. Koon	Mrs. H. C. Murray, Belew Creek	D. Dunlap, R. 2, Walnut Cove	98	1	5	2	5	98	12	80	15	20
Berea	B. A. Leebrick	Mrs. G. H. Pritchett, R. 1, Elon Col.	Clarence McIntyre, R2, Elon Col.	118	1	2	1	1	119	8	111	12	24
Bethel	.....	Mrs. Lewis King, R. 2, Burlington	Tom King, 423 Hawthorne, Blgton	173	9	11	2	37	147	14	116	57	35
Bethlehem	G. C. Crutchfield	Clyde Iseley, R. 4, Burlington	Elmo Brown, R2, Elon College	363	9	9	3	8	364	20	214	.....	73
Beverly Hills	W. W. Snyder	Mrs. Frances Buckner, 533 Baldwin	J. L. Faulkner, 313 Baldwin Rd.	.....	....	16	1	1	15	9	35	3	.....
Burlington, First	H. E. Robinson	R. W. Morton, Jr., 1028 Edgewood	A. D. Cobb, Jr., Copeland Apts.	843	8	31	3	23	851	32	442	75	169
Carolina	B. A. Leebrick	Mrs. J. W. Trollinger, Jr., R3, Burl'tn	J. W. Trollinger, Sr., R. 3, Blgntn.	77	8	11	1	1	87	....	.....	.....	75
Concord	.....	Mrs. W. R. Simmons, R2, Elon Col.	H. P. Terrell, R1, Elon College	123	....	....	....	4	119	9	65	25	25
Danville	M. T. Sorrell	Miss Peggy R. Blanks, 158 3d Ave.	Clarence Will, 1635 N. Main St.	1,097	22	40	9	407	730	55	965	110	219
Durham	S. C. Harrell	J. O. Kimrey, 807 W. Club Blvd.	John Kernodle, 1013 Watts St.	469	....	4	5	19	454	31	241	51	94
Elk Spur	Jas. W. Madren	Miss Bernice Ayres, Fancy Gap, Va.	Bernice Ayers, Fancy Gap, Va.	70	4	7	1	1	76	7	82	25	14
Elon College	H. P. Bozarth	Mrs. G. W. Longest, R. 1, Elon Col.	J. Mark McAdams, Elon College	358	5	28	2	95	291	36	256	.....	72
Gibsonville	J. L. Stanley	Miss W. Hicks, 910 S. Ch., Blington.	Asa Daniely, R2, Burlington	290	....	1	3	78	213	12	172	.....	58
Graham, Prov.-Mem.	F. E. Reynolds	Mrs. Ella A. Holt, 403 N. Main St.	.....	94	....	....	1	5	89	13	126	36	19
Greensboro: Calvary	T. F. Bowers	.....	.....	155	11	12	....	2	165	18	174	36	.....
First	W. E. Wisseman	Mrs. Don Darnell, 536 Overbrook	J. H. Rountree, 515 Woodlawn Av.	474	14	38	4	40	472	25	239	75	95
Palm Street	M. V. Welch	Mrs. P. R. Hall, 3710 High Point Rd.	Robt. Bennett, 202 Macy St.	195	2	4	1	7	192	18	188	.....	39
Happy Home	T. F. Bowers	Miss Clarice Gunn, R. 3, Reidsville	R. J. Hudson, 19 Irvin St., R'ville.	313	11	11	2	7	317	15	143	30	63
Haw River	W. P. Smith	Mrs. E. N. Byrd, Haw River	H. Terrell, 913 King, Burlington	134	5	14	1	8	140	14	128	35	27
Hebron	M. W. Andes	Kent Rice, Nelson, Va.	Carl Chandler, Nelson, Va.	82	4	6	1	4	84	6	67	27	16
Hines Chapel	G. J. Rice	L. V. Smith, R. 1, McLeansville	E. W. Kellam, R1, McLeansville	142	....	2	1	3	141	11	139	25	28
Hopedale	J. H. Loman	Miss Peggy Faucette, R3, Burlington	L. Rudd, 1109 Piedmont, Burling.	103	4	23	1	1	125	....	.....	35	21
Howard's Chapel	Inactive	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....

Ingram		Miss Elsie Satterfield, R3, Danville	J. K. Landrum, Vernon Hill, Va	197	2	4	3	8	193	12	101	8	39
Kallam Grove	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. R. McCallum, R. 2, Madison	L. A. Washburn, R. 1, Summerfield	74	3	4			78	5	65		15
Lebanon	M. W. Andes	T. J. Earp, Milton	R. S. Taylor, Semora	138	2	2	2	2	138	9	59		28
Liberty	M. W. Andes	C. S. Wilkins, Lennig, Va	C. S. Wilkins, Lennig, Va	212	4	8	2	4	216	12	122	20	42
Long's Chapel	E. J. Clawson	W. J. Fonville, R. 5, Burlington	H. L. Foster, R1, Mebane	126		2			128	12	108	25	25
Mebane		Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Mebane	Lloyd Moore, Mebane	13	7	7			20	11	45	30	3
Monticello	G. J. Rice	Mrs. J. W. Kernodle, Brown Summit	J. E. Cumbie, Brown Summit	107		2	1	3	106	11	91	20	21
Mt. Bethel	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. Benton Farrar, R2, Stokesdale	Martin Barham, R. 2, Stokesdale	75			2	4	71	8	68		17
Mt. Zion		Fred Reitzel, R. 5, Burlington	Fred Reitzel, R. 5, Burlington	173	6	10		20	163	10	75	35	35
New Lebanon	C. Fred Allred	Carrie Sharpe, 818 Crecent Dr., Rds.	J. I. Sharpe, R. 4, Reidsville	213	3	3		2	214	9	140		43
Pfafftown	W. J. Andes	Mrs. H. O. Cline, Pfafftown	James Cohn, Pfafftown	43	3	6		4	45	8	65	15	9
Pleasant Grove		Nannie B. Farmer, Vernon Hill, Va	C. L. Blackstock, Vernon Hill, Va	257		2	2	5	254	10	87		51
Pleasant Ridge	W. E. Wisseman	H. B. Nelson, Box 1072, Greensboro	K. W. Robinson, Summerfield	81	5	6	2	26	61	7	75		16
Reidsville	T. G. Humphries	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 717 Lawsonville	Chas. McKinney, 807 Lawsonville	627	7	15	2	8	634	44	494		125
Rocky Ford	Jas. W. Madren												13
Salem Chapel	C. O. Koon	Selma Marshall, R. 2, Walnut Cove	A. J. Gerry, Walnut Cove	121	3	3	3	4	120	9	67		24
Shallow Ford	R. M. Petersen	Kate F. Selden, R. 2, Elon College	J. C. Matkins, R4, Burlington	257	4	10	3	17	250	20	161	25	51
Tryon, Cg. C. of C	O. H. White	Miss Eunice C. Kirtland, Tryon	Nelson Jackson, Tryon	241	9	52	2	7	286	13	147	18	48
Union (N. C.)	K. D. Register	Mrs. F. Chandler, Fount. Pl., Blg'n	F. O. Simmons, 1301 Beach Dr	327	6	7	3	10	324	26	213	40	65
Union (Va.)	M. W. Andes	R. A. Dunkley, Virgilina, Va	A. R. Seat, Virgilina, Va	446	23	35	3	6	475	10	167		89
Winston-Salem	W. J. Andes	E. M. Whitman, 1023 S. Hawthorne	W. L. Padget, 1234 E. 24th St	81	7	20		1	100	11	94	12	16
Zion		Mrs. M. C. Pickard, R4, Burlington	M. C. Pickard, R4, Burlington	18		4		7	15	6	35	8	4
Totals				10,138	232	510	80	909	9,739	616	6,541	957	2,073

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment
*Apple's Chapel	$ 165	$ 140	$ 136	$ 135	$ 44	$ 43	$ 120	$ 34	$ 14	$ 23	$ 25	$ 879
Asheville	37	52	25	27	8	8	21	8	10	4	....	200
*Belew Creek	64	43	29	46	18	22	61	9	8	12	14	326
*Berea	64	55	34	46	19	30	61	10	8	7	14	348
Bethel	45	45	80	55	10	13	20	10	4	....	8	290
*Bethlehem	171	143	127	141	41	40	114	27	12	21	21	858
Burlington, Beverly Hills	7	7	9	20	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	43
First	†6,924	362	3,052	467	156	285	365	64	....	....	....	11,675
*Carolina	51	28	23	27	14	11	53	6	7	6	13	239
Concord	47	27	51	20	18	13	33	9	8	....	15	241
Danville	.....	80	54	56	26	68	71	59	11	36	18	479
*Durham	659	621	526	534	125	151	347	35	38	79	70	3,185
Elk Spur	24	10	12	11	7	3	25	2	4	2	....	100
Elon College	279	261	157	427	57	55	162	20	15	25	....	1,458
Gibsonville	50	40	89	50	20	25	65	17	9	14	....	379
*Graham-Providence Mem.	40	17	37	23	14	7	28	6	6	4	12	194
Greensboro, Calvary	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	100
*First	2,198	1,145	719	534	95	166	331	36	30	53	56	5,363
*Palm Street	124	120	119	115	27	24	62	21	8	13	15	648
Happy Homr	138	113	208	109	41	38	95	22	12	20	....	796
*Haw River	131	100	92	107	27	26	77	13	12	14	21	620
*Hebron	67	43	32	49	14	13	36	9	8	7	14	292
*Hines Chapel	84	84	102	61	20	27	51	10	9	14	16	478
*Hopedale	79	59	20	32	14	11	36	8	7	6	13	285
Howard's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....
*Ingram	191	160	149	165	44	38	114	17	16	20	30	944
*Kallam Grove	47	27	161	30	14	11	28	7	7	6	13	351
*Lebanon	71	52	87	55	16	13	53	11	8	7	14	387
*Liberty	71	47	38	55	19	13	53	16	8	7	15	342
Long's Chapel	65	65	56	59	10	10	30	6	5	5	16	327
*Mebane	13	7	88	21	14	7	10	2	5	4	9	180
*Monticello	50	39	24	30	15	11	44	7	7	6	13	246
*Mt. Bethel	74	74	71	67	16	21	39	5	5	8	8	388
*Mt. Zion	85	63	65	63	22	16	69	13	8	8	15	427
*New Lebanon	121	94	124	97	27	24	69	15	12	13	22	618
*Pfafftown	34	13	36	18	14	8	28	2	6	4	16	179
*Pleasant Grove	104	80	71	79	29	30	77	21	10	16	18	535
*Pleasant Ridge	60	37	24	35	16	8	35	4	7	4	13	243
Reidsville	238	‡3,927	519	194	34	54	164	44	19	28	....	5,221
Rocky Ford	22	17	10	11	5	2	25	2	4	2	....	100
*Salem Chapel	30	50	24	36	14	16	53	10	6	4	12	255
*Shallow Ford	104	80	74	80	22	22	89	16	10	12	18	527
Tryon, C'gl Ch. of Christ	166	361	105	117	35	27	89	16	12	14	....	942
*Union (N. C.)	121	90	82	97	35	24	98	26	20	13	37	643
*Union (Va.)	138	114	104	115	35	34	89	35	12	18	21	715
*Winston-Salem, United	71	51	104	35	10	16	36	8	11	5	21	368
Zion	10	10	.....	5	2	3	10	2	3	2	5	52
Totals	$ 13,334	$9,053	$7,849	$4,556	$1,263	$1,487	$3,536	$720	$441	$556	$661	$ 43,466

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.
†Includes special Home Missions for Beverly Hills project.
‡Includes special Foreign Mission projects.

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
$ 93	.....	$ 141	$ 25	$ 20	$ 1,158	$ 1,938	$ 989	$ 11,567	$ 14,494	$ 15,652	$ 30,145	.....
1	.....	80	.....	.....	281	1,340	2,961	.....	4,301	4,582	37,000	.....
.....	.....	40	5	.....	371	900	358	106	1,364	1,735	16,000	.....
7	.....	40	.....	75	470	1,008	726	1,867	3,601	4,071	6,000	.....
.....	.....	43	15	.....	384	1,125	762	2,500	4,387	4,735	32,000	.....
1	.....	10	15	.....	884	1,780	1,468	31,503	34,751	35,635	125,000	$ 15,500
.....	.....	.....	5	18	66	.....	223	483	706	772	26,000	.....
743	$ 127	1,461	10	235	14,251	4,800	13,805	19,186	37,791	52,042	380,000	.....
7	26	15	.....	.....	287	1,820	652	.....	2,472	2,759	7,650	.....
30	.....	38	5	.....	314	800	233	1,600	2,633	2,947	46,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	4,096	4,575	4,000	5,062	7,536	16,598	21,173	195,000	.....
157	.....	471	40	245	4,098	4,000	4,848	14,811	23,659	27,757	130,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	120	22	.....	142	242	9,000	.....
352	8	562	.....	.....	2,380	4,000	6,800	1,100	11,900	14,280	30,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	379	2,590	1,187	3,877	7,654	8,033	35,000	4,500
50	.....	20	.....	.....	264	1,200	975	.....	2,175	2,439	25,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	1,100	2,015	7,150	10,265	10,365	50,000	5,500
491	.....	795	.....	158	6,807	4,160	6,286	37,454	47,900	54,707	200,000	.....
.....	20	168	5	.....	841	3,900	1,590	30,417	35,907	36,748	73,000	17,498
87	.....	91	.....	122	1,096	2,470	836	271	3,577	4,673	36,500	.....
33	2	68	.....	.....	723	2,100	1,712	2,300	6,112	6,835	37,000	2,414
.....	.....	30	.....	.....	322	450	143	.....	593	915	3,000	.....
.....	.....	164	30	325	997	900	992	986	2,878	3,875	18,500	.....
.....	.....	65	.....	.....	350	1,420	.....	.....	1,420	1,770	12,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,000	.....
287	.....	136	.....	.....	1,367	895	480	.....	1,375	2,742	37,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	150	501	400	240	45	685	1,186	11,000	.....
145	.....	.....	15	.....	547	500	250	150	900	1,447	4,000	.....
.....	.....	20	.....	.....	362	500	397	60	957	1,319	4,000	.....
10	.....	58	15	15	425	1,355	461	396	2,212	2,637	13,200	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180	241	150	25	416	596	5,000	.....
70	5	140	.....	34	495	900	398	55	1,353	1,848	3,000	.....
.....	.....	30	.....	.....	418	480	246	2,638	3,364	3,782	5,000	.....
.....	.....	45	10	.....	482	1,075	367	1,075	2,517	2,999	37,000	.....
.....	11	66	.....	451	1,146	750	413	1,379	2,542	3,688	36,500	.....
41	2	.....	5	.....	227	480	129	.....	609	836	5,000	.....
187	.....	99	.....	100	921	646	284	1,442	2,372	3,293	20,000	50
9	.....	113	.....	.....	365	600	343	250	1,193	1,558	15,000	.....
6	.....	451	5	344	6,027	4,500	7,691	1,044	13,235	19,262	77,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	120	100	.....	220	320	5,000	.....
.....	.....	60	.....	.....	315	848	203	593	1,644	1,959	6,000	.....
257	.....	72	.....	164	1,020	1,886	1,448	2,516	5,850	6,870	24,000	.....
.....	.....	150	.....	.....	1,092	3,975	8,458	24,514	36,947	38,039	100,000	18,000
144	.....	186	15	.....	988	3,000	1,798	282	5,080	6,068	30,000	.....
.....	15	152	20	144	1,046	1,100	1,703	14,575	17,378	18,424	28,500	4,922
81	4	86	10	.....	549	2,775	1,517	813	5,105	5,654	24,700	700
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	30	89	1,091	1,210	1,262	10,000	.....
$3,289	$ 220	$6,166	$ 250	$6,696	$ 60,087	$ 74,977	$ 81,810	$227,657	$384,444	$444,531	$2,063,695	$ 69,084

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 11—FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONFERENCE	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions; Relief and Reconstruction	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superanuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Total Paid on Apportionment
Virginia Valley Central	$ 1,458	$ 1,067	$ 1,882	$ 835	$ 261	$ 314	$ 811	$ 171	$ 109	$ 115	$ 983	**	$ 8,006
Eastern Virginia	6,652	6,539	6,378	5,663	1,329	1,419	3,224	676	460	553	515	**1,668	35,076
Eastern North Carolina	1,665	1,734	5,802	1,618	350	494	1,065	305	157	165	321	**	13,676
Western North Carolina	1,405	1,444	2,629	842	370	420	829	297	131	193	580	**	9,140
North Carolina and Virginia	*13,334	†9,053	7,849	4,556	1,263	1,487	3,536	720	441	566	661	**	43,466
Totals	$ 24,514	$ 19,837	$‡24,540	$ 13,514	$?3,573	$ 4,134	$ 9,465	$ 2,169	$ 1,298	$ 1,592	$ 3,060	$ 1,668	$ 109,364

CONFERENCE	Sustaining Fund for Elon College	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Virginia Valley Central	$ 386	108	$ 956	$ 133	$ 942	$ 10,531	$ 12,216	$ 6,697	$ 7,933	$ 26,846	$ 37,377	$ 186,500	.....
Eastern Virginia	5,624	337	9,945	2,515	9,037	62,534	82,210	91,456	107,820	281,486	344,020	2,812,050	$ 93,490
Eastern North Carolina	1,555	198	2,163	105	1,929	19,626	33,613	24,106	51,181	108,900	128,526	821,100	19,950
Western North Carolina	783	137	881	300	4,328	15,569	28,036	9,617	47,946	85,599	101,168	374,400	26,777
North Carolina and Virginia	3,289	220	6,166	250	6,696	60,087	74,977	81,810	227,657	384,444	444,531	2,063,695	69,084
Totals	$ 11,637	$ 1,000	$ 20,111	$ 3,303	$ 22,932	$168,347	$231,052	$213,686	$442,537	$887,275	1055,622	$6,257,745	$209,301

*Includes Burlington, First "Beverly Hills Gift"; also Greensboro, First "Puerto Rico Gift" from Anthony Fund.
†Includes Reidsville Foreign Mission Projects.
‡Does not include "Special Offerings" from churches and church members, see The Christian Sun for these special gifts.
?In addition to total contributed on apportionment, Board of Christian Education received $1,768 from Sunday School Conventions.
**Includes $303 raised by Eastern Virginia for Virginia Council of Churches; other Conferences support Home Missions through Conference Fund, also State Councils of Churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 12—SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCE	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Virginia Valley Central	2,533	53	82	23	131	2,484	226	1,438	349	499
Eastern Virginia	11,090	250	536	113	915	10,711	765	7,320	1,705	2,240
Eastern North Carolina	6,684	160	341	74	305	6,720	423	4,558	821	1,334
Western North Carolina	4,200	178	287	37	218	4,269	325	3,752	934	883
North Carolina and Virginia	10,138	232	510	80	909	9,739	616	6,541	957	2,073
Totals	34,645	873	1,756	327	2,478	33,923	2,355	23,609	4,766	7,029

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 13—THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Convention	Appt'd by Conference	Paid by Churches
Convention Home Missions	Virginia Valley	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,458
	Eastern Virginia	6,500	6,500	6,652
	Eastern North Carolina	2,000	1,999	1,665
	Western North Carolina	1,500	1,670	1,405
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	6,012	13,334
	Total	$ 17,500	$ 17,681	$ 24,514
Convention Foreign Missions	Virginia Valley	$ 1,500	$ 1,509	$ 1,067
	Eastern Virginia	6,500	6,696	6,539
	Eastern North Carolina	2,000	1,999	1,734
	Western North Carolina	1,500	1,695	1,444
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	6,012	9,053
	Total	$ 17,500	$ 17,911	$ 19,837
Christian Orphanage	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 960	$ 1,882
	Eastern Virginia	4,800	4,856	6,378
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,087	5,802
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,160	2,629
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	5,919	7,849
	Total	$ 15,000	$ 14,982	$ 24,540
Elon College	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 981	$ 835
	Eastern Virginia	6,000	6,005	5,663
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,087	1,618
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,160	842
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,800	4,818	4,556
	Total	$ 15,000	$ 15,051	$ 13,514
Christian Education	Virginia Valley	$ 330	$ 330	$ 261
	Eastern Virginia	1,470	1,470	1,329
	Eastern North Carolina	535	536	350
	Western North Carolina	330	485	370
	North Carolina and Virginia	1,335	1,353	1,263
	Total	$ 4,000	$ 4,174	$ 3,573
Superannuation	Virginia Valley	$ 330	$ 330	$ 314
	Eastern Virginia	1,470	1,485	1,419
	Eastern North Carolina	535	536	494
	Western North Carolina	330	475	420
	North Carolina and Virginia	1,335	1,338	1,487
	Total	$ 4,000	$ 4,164	$ 4,134
Convention Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 875	$ 875	$ 811
	Eastern Virginia	3,775	3,774	3,224
	Eastern North Carolina	1,475	1,475	1,065
	Western North Carolina	1,100	1,100	829
	North Carolina and Virginia	3,775	3,782	3,536
	Total	$ 11,000	$ 11,006	$ 9,465
Per Capita Dues for The General Council—Approximately 8 cents per Member	Virginia Valley	$ 191	$ 193	$ 171
	Eastern Virginia	862	724	676
	Eastern North Carolina	430	464	305
	Western North Carolina	293	415	297
	North Carolina and Virginia	765	763	730
	Total	$ 2,541	$ 2,559	$ 2,169
Ministerial Scholarship	Virginia Valley	$ 125	$ 126	$ 109
	Eastern Virginia	500	500*	460*
	Eastern North Carolina	225	220	157
	Western North Carolina	150	190	131
	North Carolina and Virginia	500	518	441
	Total	$ 1,500	$ 1,554	$ 1,298
Christian Sun Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 150	$ 150	$ 115
	Eastern Virginia	700	710	553
	Eastern North Carolina	250	250	165
	Western North Carolina	200	275	193
	North Carolina and Virginia	700	703	566
	Total	$ 2,000	$ 2,088	$ 1,592
Grand Total		$ 90,041	$ 91,170	$104,636

*Eastern Virginia administers its own Scholarship Fund.

†The Sustaining Fund for Elon College amounted to $11,637, making a total of $116,273 paid by the churches on Convention Funds.

Convention and Conference Officials

Office	Name	Address
	The Southern Convention	
President	Rev. W. Millard Stevens	301 W. 34th St., Norfolk, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. Jesse H. Dollar	RFD, Suffolk, Va.
Secretary	Rev. Will B. O'Neill	Box 242, Sanford, N. C.
Assistant Secretary	Rev. W. J. Andes	637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. George G. Colclough	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
Assistant Treasurer	Miss Edna M. Fitch	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
Superintendent	Rev. William T. Scott	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
Educational Secretary	Miss Pattie Lee Coghill	Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.
	Virginia Valley Central Conference	
President	Mr. K. B. Dofflemeyer	Elkton, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. R. E. Newton	Route 3, Luray, Va.
Secretary	Mr. Clarence A. Phillips	Broadway, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. Owen W. Andes	Park View, Harrisonburg, Va.
	Eastern Virginia Conference	
President	Rev. Jesse H. Dollar	Route 1, Suffolk, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. W. Stanley Carne	117 Greenway, Portsmouth, Va.
Secretary	Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.	Holland, Va.
Secretary	Mr. G. C. White	Waverly, Va.
	Eastern North Carolina Conference	
President	Rev. Fred P. Register	Box 201, Varina, N. C.
Vice-President	Rev. Will B. O'Neill	Box 242, Sanford, N. C.
Secretary	Rev. Emory M. Carter	Youngsville, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. W. J. Ballentine	Fuquay Springs, N. C.
	Western North Carolina Conference	
President	Rev. F. C. Lester	840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.
Vice-President	Rev. Clyde L. Fields	Route 1, Ramseur, N. C.
Secretary	Rev. Marvin A. Pollard	Route 2, Liberty, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. I. L. McDowell	Route 2, Asheboro, N. C.

North Carolina and Virginia Conference

Office	Name	Address
President	Rev. W. W. Snyder	Route 3, Burlington, N. C.
Vice-President	Rev. M. W. Andes	Virgilina, Va.
Secretary	Rev. William J. Andes	637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Treasurer	Mr. Russell V. Powell	411 Woodlawn Ave., Greensboro, N. C.

The Woman's Missionary Convention

President	Mrs. W. B. Williams	1253 24th St., Newport News, Va.
Vice-President	Mrs. W. E. Wisseman	315 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Roy Knight	Chuckatuck, Va.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. J. S. Rollings	Box 339, Suffolk, Va.
Treasurer	Mrs. W. V. Leathers	512 W. Washington St., Suffolk, Va.

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President	Mrs. J. E. Bryant	Route 1, Harrisonburg, Va.
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President	Mrs. Garland Spratley	Dendron, Va.
Vice-President	Mrs. Ray Gordon	218 Grace St., Suffolk, Va.
Recording Secretary	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle	Chuckatuck, Va.
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. L. W. Stagg	400 W. 34th St., Norfolk, Va.
Treasurer	Mrs. George Cornell	Route 2, Suffolk, Va.

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President	Mrs. W. J. Andes	637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Vice-President	Mrs. S. L. Mauldin	317 Corona St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Secretary	Mrs. Russell V. Powell	411 Woodlawn Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Treasurer	Miss Susie D. Allen	612 W. Lane St., Raleigh, N. C.

Convention Laymen's Fellowship

Chairman	Mr. George D. Colclough	Elon College, N. C.
Vice-President	Mr. W. B. Williams	1253 24th St., Newport News, Va.
Secretary-Treasurer	Mr. S. H. Pell	Route 1, Ramseur, N. C.

Ministerial Directory

Name and Address	Conference Membership	Churches Served 1951-52, or Other Status
Ministers in Full Standing		
Allred, C. Fred, Rt. 1, Summerfield, N. C.	NCVA	Kallam Grove, Mt. Bethel, New Lebanon.
Andes, Mark W., Virgilina, Va.	NCVA	Hebron, Lebanon, Liberty, Union (Va.).
Andes, William J., 627 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.	NCVA	Winston-Salem, Pfafftown.
Apple, J. Frank, 427 Rowland St., Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Henderson, Mt. Carmel.
*Bowden, Daniel J., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Dean, Elon College.
Bowers, Thurman F., Route 4, Box 132, Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Happy Home, Smithwood, Calvary Christian (Greensboro).
Bozarth, Howard P., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Elon College Community.
Brady, E. Carl, Box 26, Robbins, N. C.	WNC	Flint Hill (M), Niagara, Pleasant Grove; Teacher.
Brickhouse, Ernest F., Gen. Del. Hopewell, Va.	EVA	Hopewell.
Brittle, R. E., Route 1, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (N), Eure.
*Brooks, Arthur C., Asheville Boys School, Asheville, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher and Chaplain.
Carne, W. Stanley, 117 Greenway Drive, Portsmouth, Va.	EVA	Portsmouth, First; Mt. Zion.
Carter, Emory M., Youngsville, N. C.	ENC	Fuller's Chapel, Good Hope, Mt. Hermon, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville.
Clark, Ellis N., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Antioch, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Windsor.
*Coulter, Roy D., Winston-Salem, N. C.	VVA	Evangelical & Reformed Church.
*Councill, Herbert G., Jr., Elizabethtown, N. Y.	EVA	Congregational Church.
Cox, H. Vance, Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Brown's Chapel, New Center; Business.
*Crawford, Van. T., Miami, Florida	EVA	
Crutchfield, Gaither C., Rout 4, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Bethlehem, Zion.
Crutchfield, Henry E., Route 1, Hickory, Va.	EVA	Berea (Great Bridge).
Denton, James A., 329 McIver St., Sanford, N. C.	WNC	
Dollar, Jesse H., Rt. 1, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Liberty Spring.
Dollar, Melvin, Franklin, Va.	EVA	Union (Southampton).
*Eutsler, Fred B., 409 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn.	ENC	Student, Yale University.
Farrell, Earl T., Cypress Chapel, Va.	EVA	Cypress Chapel
Farrell, W. Clay, RFD, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Antioch (C), Auburn, Ebenezer, Garner (HayesChapel), Wentworth; Business.
Fields, Clyde L., Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Ridge, Ramseur, Spoon's Chapel, Union Grove; Student, Duke Divinity School.

*Fisher, Park W., Box 183, Sanford, N. C.	WNC	Business.
Fogleman, James U., Route 6, Burlington, N. C.	WNC	Providence Chapel; Business.
*Fuller, Walter B., 272 Franklin St., Harrisonburg, Va.	VVA	Business.
Galt, Ralph M., New Market, Va.	VVA	Bethlehem, Concord, Palmyra, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel.
Granger, A. Lanson, Jr., 2308 Roanoke Ave., Newport News, Va.	EVA	Newport News.
*Green, Thomas J., High Falls, N. C.	WNC	Retired.
Griffin, Johnson L., 1411 Fisherman's Rd., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Bay View.
Grissom, Raymond T., Pittsboro, N. C.	ENC	Hank's Chapel, New Elam, Shiloh.
Grissom, William A., 414 N. High St., Franklin, Va.	EVA	Franklin, Johnson's Grove.
*Hailey, James R.	NCVA	
*Hall, W. Walter, Carlisle, Mass.	WNC	Congregational Church, Student at Andover Newton.
Hardcastle, Howard S., Chuckatuck, Va.	EVA	Berea (Nansemond), Oakland.
Harrell, Stanley C., 1010 W. Markham Ave., Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Durham.
Helfenstein, Roy C., 3206 Grove Ave., Richmond 21, Va.	EVA	Richmond.
*Howard, Brittain J., 230 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C.	ENC	Business.
House, Robert Lee, Box 62, Southern Pines, N. C.	ENC	Southern Pines, Hope Mills; Editor, *The Christian Sun.*
Humphries, Tucker G., 609 Montgomery St., Reidsville, N. C.	NCVA	Reidsville.
Hurdle, Allen L., Holland, Va.	NCVA	Holy Neck.
Jackson, Richard L., 232 McCauley St., Chapel Hill, N. C.	ENC	Chapel Hill.
*Johnson, I. W., 201 Linden Ave., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Retired, Pastor Emeritus, Berea (Nans.), Liberty Spring, Oakland; Interim Pastor, Rosemont.
Johnson, J. Lee, Fuquay Springs, N. C.	ENC	Bethel.
*Jones, Elwood W., Homewood, Apartments, Baltimore 18, Md.	EVA	Retired.
*Key, Carl R., 1421 Ruffin St., Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Social Work (CROP).
Koon, Clyde O., Belew Creek, N. C.	NCVA	Belew Creek, Salem Chapel.
*Lankford, G. Otis, Elon College, N. C.	WNC	Retired.
Leebrick, Bland A., Route 3, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Berea, Carolina.
Lester, Flethcer C., 840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Asheboro.
Lightbourne, James H., Jr., Holland, Va.	EVA	Holland.
Lindner, Kenneth M., 708 Pilot Ave., Fayetteville, N. C.	ENC	Fayetteville.
Lowdermilk, B. H., Randleman, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Union, Randleman.
*Lucas, A. L., Route 3, Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Business.
McCauley, Joseph E., Waverly, Va.	EVA	Centerville, Spring Hill, Waverly; Teacher.
Madren, Silas E., Elkton, Va.	VVA	Bethel, Mt. Olivet (R) Mt. Olivet (G).
Madren, Weldon T., Sophia, N. C.	WNC	Bailey's Grove, Big Oak, Flint Hill (R), Sophia.
*Marr, S. Wade, Security Bank Bldg., Raleigh, N. C.	ENC	Business.
*Moffitt, D. Rufus, Coleridge, N. C.	WNC	Retired.

Name and Address	Conference Membership	Churches Served 1951-52, or Other Status
*Morgan, William H., Applachian State College, Boone, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher.
*Muller, Robt. C. H., American Board Mission, Marathi Mission, Ahmednagar, W. India	NCVA	Missionary to India.
*Murchison, J. Victor, Friends Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.	EVA	Friends Church.
*Neese, J. L., Trailer Park, Bradenton, Florida	NCVA	Retired.
Neese, J. Everette, 6112 Granby St., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Second, Norfolk.
*Newman, Charles E., Virgilina, Va.	NCVA	Retired.
*Newman, Nathaniel G., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Retired.
Newton, R. E., Route 3, Luray, Va.	VVA	Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport.
O'Neill, Will B., Box 242, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Sanford.
*Pearce, George A., Franklin, Va.	EVA	Business.
*Perkins, James C., 1922 Ward St., Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Duke University.
*Phillips, Slade W., Dillon, S. C.	EVA	Business.
Pollard, Marvin A., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Hill.
*Powell, Elmore M., Box 395, Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Business.
Poythress, Olive D., 1214 Guerriere St., South Norfolk 6, Va.	EVA	South Norfolk.
Presnell, Lacy M., Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Liberty; Business.
Pugh, John Q., Route 1, Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Bennett; Business.
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Register, Fred P., Box 201, Varina, N. C.	ENC	Amelia, Lee's Chapel, Plymouth, Wake Chapel.
Register, Kenneth D., Route 2, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Union (N. C.).
Reynolds, Ferris E., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Graham-Providence Memorial; Faculty, Elon College.
Roberts, Jesse M., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Union (Surry).
*Robinson, Allyn P., Jr.	ENC	Conference Christian and Jews.
Robinson, Henry E., 401 Church St., Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Burlington, First.
Rohart, Emerson J., Linville, Va.	VVA	Antioch, Beulah, Linville, Mayland, New Hope.
*Scott, William T., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Superintendent, Southern Convention.
*Sloan, W. W., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Faculty of Elon College.
*Smith, H. Shelton, Duke University, Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Faculty of Duke University.
*Smith, J. Howard, Arnold College, Milford, Conn.	NCVA	Faculty of Arnold College.
*Smith, Leon Edgar, Elon College, N. C.	EVA	President, Elon College.
Smith, William P., Haw River, N. C.	NCVA	Haw River.
Snyder, Walstein W., 721 N. Church St., Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Beverly Hills (Burlington).

Sorrell, Matthew T., 162 3rd Ave., Danville, Va.	NCVA	Danville.
*Steininger, Wm. R., 2122 Cooper St., Raleigh, N .C.	ENC	Chaplain.
Stevens, W. Millard, 301 W. 34th St., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Christian Temple.
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Tally, George M., Route 3, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Christian Chapel, Christian Light, Lebanon, Mt. Pleasant, Moore Union, Pleasant Hill.
Tally, R. Eugene, 1508 Elm Ave., Portsmouth, Va.	EVA	Portsmouth, Elm Avenue.
*Thelin, Mary Frances, Randolph Macon College, Lynchburg, Va.	NCVA	Teacher.
Thomas, Charles Cecil, 129 Hardy Ave., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Norfolk, First.
*Truitt, John G., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Superintendent, Christian Orphanage.
Veazey, Guy H., 911 Tryon St.. High Point, N. C.	WNC	High Point.
Vore, Duane N., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Suffolk.
Wallace, Sarl E., Rt 1, Louisburg, N. C.	ENC	Beulah, New Hope.
*Weed, Earl D.	NCVA	Retired.
*Wehrenberg, E. L., Woodsdale, N. C.	NCVA	Faculty, Indian School.
Welch, Mack V., 1612 Buffalo St., Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Greensboro, Palm Street.
White, Orville H., Tryon, N. C.	NCVA	Congregational Church of Christ.
Whitten, Robert A., 108 W. Clifford St., Winchester, Va.	VVA	Winchester.
*Williamson, Robert L., 2316 Fontaine Ave., Charlottesville, Va.	VVA	Retired.
Wisseman, William E., 315 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Greensboro, First, Pleasant Ridge.
Wood, William L., Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel.
*Woodruff, Robert T., Jr., 1127 Ebert St., Winston-Salem, N. C.	NCVA	Business.
Wright, T. Fred, Sunbury, N. C.	EVA	Sunbury, Damascus.

MINISTERS WITH LOCAL OR CONFERENCE ORDINATION

Clawson, Edgar J., Rt. 5, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Long's Chapel; Student, Elon College.
Fogleman, Martin L., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Martha's Chapel, Morrisville.
Gallo, John, Route 2, Disputanta, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (Disputanta).
George, Henry M.,	EVA	
Lackey, John Robert, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Apple's Chapel; Student, Duke Divinity School.
*Nash, Durant D., Box 791, Hopewell, Va.	EVA	Business.
Rich, William A., 209 Broadway, Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Damascus, Morrisville, Mt. Auburn; Student, Duke Div. School.
*Ricketts, Percy H., 2075 Rocklawn Place, Danville, Va.	NCVA	Lakewood Community Church.
Stanley, J. Lester, RFD, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Gibsonville; Business.
Taylor, Morris E., 3200 Shore Drive, Norfolk 3, Va.	EVA	Little Creek.

Name and Address	Conference Membership	Churches Served 1951-52, or Other Status
Licentiates		
Bowers, John T., Rt. 4, Box 576, Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Smithwood.
Bray, Winfred, RFD, Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Siler City, Antioch (R); Student, Elon College.
*Brill, Walton E., Lehew, W. Va.	VVA	Business.
*Burgess, Lunnie W., Ramseur N. C.	WNC	
*Chang, Timothy S., 4743 Tucker Bldg., State College, Raleigh, N. C.	NCVA	Student at N. C. State College.
*Clapp, Rosser Lee, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Mebane, Zion; Student, Elon College.
*Gleason, H. Allan Jr., 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford 5, Conn.	EVA	Faculty, Kennedy School of Missions.
*Graves, John C., 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford 5, Conn.	NCVA	Hartford Seminary Student.
Madren, James W., Fancy Gap Va.	VVA	Elk Spur, Rocky Ford.
*Matthews, A. Warren, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.
*McLean, Robert A., Buies Creek, N. C.	ENC	Supply.
Petersen, Richard M., Rt. 2, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Shallow Ford.
Rice, G. Julius, McLeansville, N. C.	NCVA	Hines Chapel, Monticello.
*Scott, William T., Jr., Norwich, N. Y.	NCVA	Assistant Pastor, First Congregational Church.
*Truitt, John G., Jr., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
*Twiddy, C. Baxter, Jr., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Duke Divinity School.
*Underwood, I. T., Yanceville, N. C.	NCVA	Business.
*Varga, Paul, 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford 5, Conn.	EVA	Student, Hartford Seminary.
*Vestal, Max, Elon College, N. C.	WNC	Youth Assistant, Elon Com. Church; Student, Elon College.
Members of the Biblical Class		
*Ayscue, Reuben, Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
*Barron, George, Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
*Johnson, Herman Lee, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.
*Littikin, John P., Elon College, N. C.	ENC	Student, Elon College.
*Nelson, Sammy, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.
*Sorrell, W. Staley, 162 3rd Ave., Danville, Va.	NCVA	Student.
*Tolley, William P., 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford 5, Conn.	NCVA	Student, Hartford Seminary.
Ministers of Other Denominations Serving in the Convention		
Atkins, J. L., Fuquay Springs, N. C.	Baptist	Clayton.
Loman, J. Harold, Rt. 5, Greensboro, N. C.	Pil. Hol.	Hopedale.

*Indicates not engaged as pastor of church or churches within the Convention.

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of the

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First Congregational Christian Church,
Durham, North Carolina,
April 29 - May 1, 1952.

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TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The fortieth biennial session of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Incorporated, was called to order by the president, Rev. W. Millard Stevens, at 2:00 p. m., on April 29, 1952, at Durham, North Carolina.

After the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," the Rev. R. L. Jackson conducted the devotional service.

Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, on behalf of the Durham Church, extended a cordial welcome to the Convention, to which fitting response was made by President Stevens.

On Roll Call, it was found that there were forty-seven ministers and a large number (uncounted) of lay delegates present. The president declared a quorum present.

President Stevens announced the appointment of the following committees:

Business—*W. E. Wisseman,* Chairman, H. S. Hardcastle, John G. Truitt.
Press—R. L. House, Chairman, S. C. Harrell, J. T. Kernodle.
Credentials—G. H. Veazey, Chairman, S. H. Basnight, R. A. Whitten.
Resolutions—F. C. Lester, Chairman, Fred Register, Mrs. W. B. Williams.

The secretary presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee, and it was adopted subject to such changes as may be found necessary from time to time.

The following ministers were introduced as having assumed pastorates within the Convention since the last session: R. L. Jackson, Ernest Brickhouse, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., James W. Madren, John Bowers, Howard P. Bozarth, W. L. Parker, E. J. Clawson, R. M. Petersen, Ralph M. Galt, Lanson Granger, J. L. Stanley, K. M. Lindner, O. H. White.

The following ministerial students were introduced: Max Vestal, R. L. Clapp, Bill Simmons, Warren Matthews, Winfred Bray, Thomas Madren.

The Revs. John Dollar, Carl C. Dollar and Goff Bedford of Alabama, brought greetings from the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches. On motion, they were made deliberative members of the Convention. Dr. C. Rexford Raymond of Baltimore, Md., was recognized and on motion was made a deliberative member of the Convention.

Revs. Lawrence Leonard and A. W. Hedrick of the Evangelical and

Reformed Church were introduced and, on motion, seated as deliberative members.

A delegation of members from the newly-formed church at Fayetteville, N. C., was recognized by the president and introduced to the Convention.

Dr. Russell H. Stafford, Hartford, Conn.; Dr. Vere V. Loper, Moderator of the General Council; Mr. Walter A. Graham, National Director of the Laymen's Fellowship, and Rev. T. K. Thompson, New York City, were seated as deliberative members.

The Rev. W. J. Andes, chairman of the Committee on Revisions, called attention to the proposed revisions and stated that action would be taken thereon the following day.

The following reports were presented and announcement made that action thereon would be taken the following day:

The Executive Board—Will B. O'Neill, Secretary.
The Superintendent—Wm. T. Scott.
The Educational Secretary—Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.
The Treasurer—Miss Edna M. Fitch, Assistant Treasurer.
The Mission Board—Mrs. John G. Truitt, Chairman.
The Board of Christian Education—W. J. Andes, Chairman.
The Board of Publications—D. N. Vore, Chairman.
The Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life—R. C. Helfenstein, Chairman.
The Commission on Stewardship—Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman.
The Finance Committee—Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman.

Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, made a brief but stimulating address on "Freedom in Education."

The report of the O'Kelly Memorial Foundation was presented by Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, and on motion it was adopted.

Motion was made and adopted that the Business Committee take under advisement the question of enlarging the scope of the O'Kelly Memorial Foundation to include the Church History Room at Elon College and Old Lebanon Church in Virginia.

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, vice-president, was called to the chair and in turn presented Rev. W. Millard Stevens, who delivered the President's Address, using the theme: "The Living Church." Text, I Corinthians 12:27.

An offering of $73.45 was received for Convention expenses.

Announcements were made by Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, and the Convention adjourned at 5:00 p. m., with prayer by Rev. Thomas D. Sutton.

Simultaneous supper meetings were held by the Laymen's Fellowship and the Women of the Convention.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Tuesday evening session was called to order at 7:30 by Vice-President Jesse H. Dollar. The organist and choir of the Durham Church ably assisted Dr. Dollar in the service of worship.

Dr. Vere V. Loper, Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, was presented to the Convention. He brought greetings from our national fellowship and preached the Convention sermon, taking as his theme: "Our Christian Hope."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Drs. Dollar and Loper, assisted by the deacons of the local church.

An offering of $119.67 was received for Home Missions.

Dr. Dollar pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Wednesday morning session was called to order by President Stevens at 9:15. Rev. Fred Register conducted the devotional service.

Rev. Thomas K. Thompson of New York, executive director of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolences of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, was introduced to the Convention.

A motion was offered and seconded that the proposed "Revisions" be considered but that final disposition be referred to the Executive Board with power after due notice was given and opportunity granted for any delegate to be present at the time action was to be taken. A substitute motion was offered and seconded that the proposed "Revisions" be postponed for two years. The substitute motion was carried.

A telegram was read bearing greetings from a number of young people of the Convention who are students at the Hartford Seminary Foundation.

On motion, it was voted that the report of the Executive Board be adopted and made a part of the minutes as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The following persons constituted the Executive Board during the 1950-1952 biennium:

1. Members Ex-Officio: W. Millard Stevens, President; Jesse H. Dollar, Vice-President; Will B. O'Neill, Secretary; R. L. House, Editor of *The Christian Sun;* Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman of Finance Committee; L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; John G. Truitt, Superintendent of The Christian Orphanage.
2. Members nominated by the respective Boards and elected by the Convention or the Executive Board: A. H. McIver, Mission Board; D. R. Fonville, Superannuation; Mrs. O. H. Paris, Women; Warren Matthews, Pilgrim Fellowship; George D. Colclough, Laymen's Fellowship; William J. Andes, Christian Education; Duane N. Vore, Publications.
3. Members nominated by the Convention and Conferences and elected by the 1950 session of the Convention: Virginia Valley—R. E. Newton, R. A. Whitten; Eastern Virginia—Mills E. Godwin, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle; Eastern North Carolina—J. F. Apple, S. H. Basnight; Western North Carolina—F. C. Lester, G. T. Gunter; North Carolina-Virginia—J. Robert Walker, H. E. Robinson.
4. Members-at-Large elected by the Convention: K. T. Rothgeb, Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Mrs. W. B. Williams.

   The Board constituted its Executive and Office Personnel Committees as follows:
   Executive: W. Millard Stevens, Chairman; Jesse H. Dollar, Vice-Chairman; Will B. O'Neill, Secretary; L. E. Smith, John G. Truitt, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle.
   Office and Personnel Committee: George D. Colclough, Chairman; John G. Truitt, Stanley C. Harrell, W. Millard Stevens, Ex-Officio.

During the biennium the Board has held four meetings as follows:

The first meeting was held at the Christian Church and Elliott Hotel, Suffolk, Virginia, October 24, 1950. Present were 17 members, the Superintendent, the Educational Secretary, and one vistor, Dr. Ross W. Sanderson, of the Board of Home Missions, New York.

1. Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following schedule of expense allowance was established for those attending the Convention Board and Committee meetings:
   (1) Transportation: Single—3 cents per mile car allowance; or bus or railroad coach fare.
   Carload--3 cents per mile for driver, plus 1 cent per mile for extra passengers, not exceeding a total of 5 cents per mile.
   (2) Meals and Hotel: Meals en route and while attending meetings; hotel or other overnight accommodations while attending meetings.
2. The Finance Committee presented the following recommendation of the Personnel Committee:
   "In view of the additional work placed upon Miss Coghill by the Woman's Convention, it becomes necessary that she have full-time secretarial service, therefore, the Personnel Committee recommends a full-time secretary be provided for Miss Coghill and that this recommendation be referred to the Finance Committee of the Convention with the request that the committee should seek ways whereby the salary of such a secretary may be provided."
   Upon vote, the Board referred to the Mission Board the matter providing funds for Miss Coghill's secretary.
3. In accordance with Convention action, the Board elected five additional members of the Finance Committee as follows: S. H. Basnight, J. Robert Walker, R. E. Newton, George D. Colclough, Jesse H. Dollar.
4. The Board appointed the following persons to serve on the Survey Committee with Dr. Ross W. Sanderson's proposed study of the Congregational Christian Churches of the Southeast: R. A. Whitten, R. T. Grissom, R. E. Brittle, F. C. Lester, S. C. Harrell.
5. In accordance with the vote of the Convention providing for a committee to study the matter of rotating terms for Trustees of Elon College and the Christian Orphanage, the Board authorized the appointment of a committee consisting of Jesse H. Dollar, Duane N. Vore, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., L. E. Smith, John G. Truitt.
6. Upon authorization of the Board, the President appointed the following committee to administer the Ministerial Loan Fund of the Southern Convention: John G. Truitt, George D. Colclough, Kenneth D. Register, L. E. Smith, Wm. T. Scott.
8. The Board voted to borrow for the Board of Publications the sum of $2,500.00 to provide funds with which to pay the deficit on printing and postage for *The Christian Sun,* and that the President and Secretary be authorized to sign a note for this purpose in behalf of the Convention.
8. The Board accepted the resignation of Mrs. F. C. Lester as a member of the Board of Christian Education, and elected Jack P. Shoffner as her successor.
9. The Board authorized the payment of expenses of the President or his alternate to the session of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, held at Cleveland, Ohio, December 1, 1950, and suggested to the Laymen's Fellowship and the Woman's Convention that they each send a representative to the Council meeting.
10. The Board authorized participation in the Social Security program of the Federal Government for the Convention office personnel
11. The Board authorized the appointment of a committee on Gerontology as follows: R. L. House, W. B. O'neill, A. H. McIver, Stanley C. Harrell, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.
12. With regard to aid to retired ministers, the Board voted "that the Convention cooperate with the Division of Ministerial Relief in their policies of aid to ministers, etc., and that our own Board of Superannuation be so instructed."

The second meeting of the Board was held at the First Congregational Christian Church, Henderson, North Carolina, April 17, 1951, with 21 members, the Superintendent and the Educational Secretary present.

1. The Board approved and adopted the action of the Executive Committee at a meeting held on January 22, 1951:
   (1) The employment of Miss Edna Fitch as bookkeeper and Assistant Treasurer, and to accept the resignation of of Mrs. Jo W. Williams.

2. The Board considered with representatives of the Home Life Insurance Company of New York the matter of group life insurance and hospitalization benefits for pastors, pastor's dependents and full-time lay workers of the Convention and their dependents.

It was voted that on behalf of the Convention, Conferences and churches, we enter this type of insurance subject to the securing the necessary 75 per cent of pastors of approved churches; that the Superintendent be authorized and instructed to further the plan and that the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed and authorized to submit to the Home Life Insurance Company a binder check of $100.00.

3. The Board noted that there was an item in the Accounts Receivable shown in the Treasurer's report, of $600 due from the Christian Orphanage for 1948-50, and upon vote it was referred to the Orphanage for its disposal.

4. Henry E. Robinson read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sellars, of Burlington, N. C., in which they offered as a gift for the use of the Convention and its various activities the valuable Moonelon property situated in Boone Station Township, Alamance County, and consisting of approximately 20 acres of land on which there are: a lake, swimming pool, 7-room cabin, outdoor kitchen and caretaker's house. Mr. Robinson stated that the procedure for passing the title to the Convention is as follows:

   a one-fourth undivided interest to be deeded immediately, and a one-fourth undivided interest to be deeded each successive year until the complete title is vested in the Convention. It was further stipulated that the wills of the donors would be redrawn so that in case of death of either, the Convention would inherit the ungiven portion.

The Board passed the following vote with regard to Moonelon: That we accept the gracious gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sellers of the Moonelon propertty in accordance with the terms stipulated in the letter read by Rev. Henry E. Robinson and with a deep sense of gratitude. The Secretary was instructed to notify the donors of the acceptance of this gift by the Board on behalf of the Southern Convention and to express its grateful appreciation. It was also voted that a committee of seven be appointed by the President to have control and supervision of the Moonelon property until the next meeting of the Board. The committee constituted was Henry E. Robinson, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, L. E. Smith, John G. Truitt, Stanley C. Harrell, George D. Colclough and Wm. T. Scott.

Note: The title to the Moonelon property is in the name of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., and the deeds may be found in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for Alamance County in Book 198, pages 362-364, and Book 205, pages 170-173.

5. Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board adopted the Treasurer's report of the fiscal year ending December 31, 1950, as audited by Owen and Hogan, C.P.A., Burlington, North Carolina.

The third meeting was held at the First Congregational Christian Church, Henderson, North Carolina, October 16, 1951, with 16 members, the Superintendent, the Education Secretary present.

1. The Board passed a vote of appreciation for the splendid services being rendered by Dr. Scott and Miss Coghill.

2. Dr. Jesse H. Dollar made a brief address on "Stewardship Opportunities," which was timely and stimulating.

It was voted that the Stewardship Commission of the Convention be requested to meet with the Finance Committee to work out plans for a greater emphasis on Stewardship within the Convention.

3. A report of the special committee on Moonelon was given by Henry E. Robinson, including the presentation of architect's plans picturing the future development of this property.

It was voted that the committee be authorized to proceed to acquire a piece of property adjoining our property, essential to the future development of Moonelon, at a price not to exceed $500. It was voted also that the committee present its plans to the next session of the Convention, requesting authority for further development of the plans. It was voted that the Committee on Moonelon be authorized to raise funds up to $1,500 in order to liquidate current obligations, pay the purchase price for the additional property and to provide necessary operating expenses until the Convention meets.

4. Dr. F. C. Lester presented a vexing problem which exists in the Western North Carolina Conference wherein an unauthorized pastor continues to serve our churches in violation of our rules, despite the counsel and protests of our leaders.

On motion, it was voted that a joint letter by the President of the Southern Convention and the Presidents of the Conferences, setting forth the principles of our government as related to this matter be sent to all of our churches.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent, written on behalf of the Trustees of the Christian Orphanage relative to the item of $600.00 due the Convention Fund on the 1948-50 apportionment for the support of the Convention office, in which it was stated that inasmuch as the Orphanage had assumed an additional payment of $300.00 annually to *The Christian Sun,* as agreed in conference with Supt. Scott and Dr. S. C. Harrell, that the matter was "settled and dropped."

On motion, the Board voted that a joint letter be written by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and Secretary of the Convention stating that this was a misundersanding on the part of the Orphanage Trustees, the committee having no authority to settle on this basis.

6. Upon recommendation of the Chairman of the Board of Publications, the Board authorized the Treasurer to pay $750.00 on the loan from the Eastern Virginia Ministerial Education Fund.

Invitations were received from Durham and Burlington churches to hold the fortieth biennial session of the Convention in 1952.

7. Upon motion it was voted to hold the 1952 session at the Durham church and to express through Rev. Henry E. Robinson to the Burlington church our appreciation for extending the invitation to the Convention.

8. Upon authorization, President Stevens appointed a program committee for the approaching session of the Convention as follows: Stevens, Dollar, O'Neill, Harrell, House, Scott.

9. Upon motion, the President appointed a committee on Revisions and Amendments as follows: Andes, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Lester.

It was also voted that the Committee on Revisions be instructed to give consideration to the question of reprinting the *Manual,* and that it bring recommendations to the Convention.

10. Upon motion and vote, Supt. Wm. T. Scott was nominated for re-election as Superintendent of the Convention for the biennium 1952-54.

11. Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., was elected a member of the Board of Christian Education to take the place of Rev. Herbert G. Council, Jr., who has removed his residence from the Convention.

12. Upon motion, it was voted that we appropriate the sum of $150.00 annually toward the expenses of the Southeast Regional Meeting, and that the same be paid at the rate of $75.00 semi-annually.

13. On motion, it was voted that the Nominating Committee bring recommendations regarding the election of delegates to the General Council meeting at Claremont, California, in June, 1952, to the attention of the Executive Committee and that the Executive Committee of the Board shall have power to elect such delegates.

The fourth meeting was held at Elon College, North Carolina, February 26, 1952, with 15 members, the Superintendent and Educational Secretary present.

1. The Board approved and adopted the action of the Executive Committee at a meeting held on November 20, 1951, as follows:
   (1) To authorize the effective date of the group insurance plan with the Home Life Insurance Company, as of December 20, 1951, provided sufficient funds are received from the Conferences, churches and agencies to pay the first premium; the decision to rest with the Insurance Committee appointed by the Executive Board, consisting of Robinson, O'Neill, Truitt and Scott.

Note: The effective date of the group insurance plan was December 31, 1951. The plan provides for $2,000.00 life insurance for pastors under 65 years of age, $1,000.00 for pastors over 65 years of age, and $1,000.00 for other employees certified by Convention, Conferences, churches and agencies, provided premiums are paid by Convention, Conferences, churches or agencies at the rate of $49.44 annually. The plan provides for double indemnity, and gives hospitalization and surgical benefits to the above persons. Any of the above persons may have dependent hospitalization and surgical benefits by their payment of premium of $22.86 semi-annually in advance.

   (2) That the 1951 operating budget for the Convention be effective for 1952 until the next meeting of the Executive Board.

2. Upon motion, it was voted that the reports of the Superintendent and Educational Secretary be circulated at least quarterly to members of the Executive Board and that the matter of reporting to *The Christian Sun* be left to the discretion of the Superintendent and Educational Secretary.

3. Upon motion, the statement of the auditors, Owen and Hogan, C.P.A., Burlington, North Carolina, covering the period of January 1, 1951, to December 31, 1951, be received and referred to the Finance Committee for their reporting to the Southern Convention at its next session.

4. The President of the Convention welcomed to the meeting Supt. J. T. Stanley of the Convention of the South, and Dr. Stanley U. North, Director of Church Extension and Evangelism, Board of Home Missions, New York. Dr. North spoke to the Board on "The Need of Capital Funds by the Church Building Department."

Upon motion, it was voted that we express to Dr. North our appreciation for his presentation of this matter, which we consider of grave importance at this time, and that we ask him to present to the proper body our interest and hope to cooperate in the effort to bring relief to our Church Building Society.

5. Upon motion, it was voted that we adopt an operating budget of $20,000 for the calendar year 1952.

6. Upon motion, it was voted that the Board acknowledge and receive with interest the report of the committee on Finance for 1952-54, and that we look with interest upon the recommendation for the employment of a secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism, and that we commend it to the Southern Convention for its favorable consideration.

7. The special Insurance Committee consisting of O'Neill, Harrell, Truitt, Robinson, and Supt. Scott be continued.

8. Henry E. Robinson, Chairman of the Moonelon Committee, reported that four additional acres of land had been purchased from W. F. and Luther Andrews in a deed dated October 15, 1951, and recorded in Alamance County Register of Deeds in Book 205, pages 172-173, for the sum of $500.00.

9. Upon motion, it was voted to instruct the Treasurer of the Southern Convention to carry the deficit in the Moonelon account until money is secured to retire the debt.

Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, presented a statement that a chapel had been donated to the Orphanage by the members of the W. K. Holt family, and that it is to be called the Holt Memorial Chapel.

10. Upon motion, it was voted to ask the Finance Committee to recommend to the Southern Convention that the Sustaining Fund be channeled through the Southern Convention office to Elon College and that this fund be used by the college as it may see fit.
11. Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, the chairman of the special committee appointed by the Executive Board to study the matter of rotating terms of office for Trustees of Elon College and the Christian Orphanage, reported that his committee had made a thorough study of this matter and that it recommends that the terms of office remain as they are now, without limitation.
12. Upon motion, it was voted to authorize the Ministerial Loan Fund Committee to cancel the loan made to Rev. W. B. Fuller years ago and report the same to the Southern Convention. This action was taken in view of illness and misfortune of Mr. Fuller.
13. Upon motion, it was voted that the Executive Board should hold its next meeting at lunch in Durham, North Carolina, on April 29.
14. Upon motion, it was voted that the Superintendent, the President and Secretary of the Convention prepare the report of the Executive Board to be presented to the Convention and have it ready for approval of the Executive Board at the meeting on April 29.

The Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Superintendent, and all employed staff of the Convention are bonded through the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches, New York, Fidelity Bond--Aetna No. IF663R—Blanket Position Bond $100,000 indemnity each, premiums paid to June 30, 1953.

In October, 1951, as instructed by the vote of the Convention of 1950, amendment to the Convention charter was completed. This amendment is in Certificate No. 65542, signed by Thad Eure, Secretary of the State of North Carolina, under date of July 13, 1951. The official title of the Convention is The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the sessions held during the biennium and authorized the President, Secretary, and Superintendent to prepare this summarization.

At each meeting of the Board held during the course of the biennium, reports have been received in detail from the Superintendent, the Educational Secretary, the Treasurer of the Convention Fund, the Convention Office, and from all of the officers of the Convention. Copies of these reports are in the hands of the Secretary and may be examined by any member of the Convention upon request. Also detailed minutes of each session of the Executive Board are on record in the minute book of the Executive Board, which is a permanent record, in the hands of the Convention Secretary, and may be examined upon request by anyone desiring to examine such records.

The foregoing actions of the Board are a summary of the significant actions which the Board has taken. Other actions are included in the minutes mentioned above. At each session of the Board the Board has also received reports from the various committees of the Convention and has counseled with said committees with reference to their work.

The Treasurer's report carries the expenditures for Convention-employed personnel, promotion, administration, and Convention Office expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *President.*
WILL B. O'NEILL, *Secretary.*

On motion it was voted that the report of the Superintendent be received and made a part of the minutes and that the recommendations stated therein be referred to the Business Committee for consideration and report.

REPORT OF CONVENTION SUPERINTENDENT.

THE STATE OF OUR CHURCHES.

Materially—There are 197 churches in the Convention, of which four are listed as inactive. During the biennium, three new churches were added: Burlington, "Beverly Hills"; Fayetteville, "Eutaw Community"; Greensboro, "Calvary." One church—Lynchburg—was lost.

We have a membership of 33,923, or a loss of 807 members during the biennium.

There are 70 parsonages serving 88 pastoral units. Six of these parsonages have been added during the past two years—Cypress Chapel; Norfolk, "Second"; Beulah-New Hope; Hank's Chapel; Liberty; Union (Va.), and there is one new parsonage now under construction—Pleasant Grove (W. N. C.).

Financially, we have had perhaps our best biennium. During the two-year period, our churches raised a total of $2,050,766.00. Of this amount, $205,527.00 was contributed to the apportionment, out of a total of $328,258 for missionary and benevolent purposes. This figure, of course, does not include many gifts of our church people to Elon College and the Christiaan Orphanage for special purposes. For all current expenses, our churches raised $1,722,508.00. Of this amount, $862,712 was reported raised for building improvements and on building debts.

During the biennium new buildings have been erected by Franklin; Norfolk, "Second"; Union (So.); Windsor, of E. Va.; Ebenezer, Mt. Gilead, Wake Chapel, of E. N. C.; Antioch (R.), Pleasant Ridge, Randleman, of W. N. C.; Apple's Chapel, Concord, Bethlehem, Burlington, "Beverly Hills" and "First," Gibsonville, Greensboro, "First" and "Palm Street." Other churches have completed buildings begun the previous biennium. Nearly a score of churches during the two-year period have made major property improvements. For instance, during the 1950-51 Conference year, 122 churches reported property improvement. This same report shows a total local church property valuation of $6,257,745.00, exclusive of the valuable plants of Elon College, the Christian Orphanage and Moonelon.

In a study of our national Congregational Christian Yearbook for 1950, there are some interesting comparisons of the Southern Convention with the other 45 State Conferences and Conventions of our General Council for that year. In this study we found that the Southern Convention ranked 11th in the number of members, 16th in the number of member accessions that year, 8th in Sunday School enrollment, 7th in the number of young people enrolled in youth work, 7th in apportionment gifts (for instance, we gave $4.56 per member, while the denomination as a whole gave $3.13 per member), 10th in Home Expenses ($23.79 per member, whereas the denomination average was $25,80), 24th in average pastors' salary and 17th in local church property value. We are the only Conference or Convention owning and operating a college or orphanage. *The Christian Sun* is the only weekly publication of our denomination.

If we could stop here, we could be justly proud of ourselves—and honestly boast a little! But most of these things are at best only means to an end. The real test comes in the answer to the question, *"To what spiritual purpose all these things?"*

SPIRITUALLY: It is here that we cannot boast! We have a well-meaning and devoted ministry and laity. On the whole, we are as good as those of any denomination. But are we not weighed in the balance and found wanting—

1. IN EVANGELISM?

Consider our low evangelistic index for the 1950-51 Conference year. It was 2.65—that is, for every 100 members of our churches we brought only 2 2/3 new members on Confession of Faith during the whole year! (In the ten-year period, 1940-50, our evangelistic index was 2.70 whereas during the same period, our population in North Carolina and Virginia increased 21.4 per cent!) From 1940 to 1950 we increased our membership by 14.5 per cent, or a net gain of 2,334 members in 10 years.

Maybe our lack of Christian zeal, concern, passion for souls, real love for Christ, and a fundamental belief in His saving grace are the underlying causes; or maybe we have just lacked the application of effective methods. At the end of the biennium we show 807 less members of our churches than we reported two years ago. During 1950-51 Conference year, 55 of our churches reported no new members on Confession

of Faith, and 110 others added 9 or fewer on Confession of Faith. Thirty-eight (38) of our churches in 1950-51 failed to receive a member on Confession or by letter!

Recommendation—That we make Evangelism a major emphasis during the 1952-54 biennium, earnestly trying to enrich our spiritual life and to reach the goal we set for ourselves six years ago—one new member per month for each 100 present members of our churches.

2. IN CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP?

We raised a lot of dollars during the biennium—*two million* of them. But of those two million, 85 per cent we raised for our own comforts—better and more comfortable church buildings, etc., and 15 per cent of this amount we devoted to the Christian witness beyond our own local church doors and programs. Get it—85 per cent for ourselves, and 15 per cent for others. The Southern Baptist Church has scores of churches giving 50 per cent for others, and using 50 per cent for their local church program. Do we love our Lord less than they, or do we love ourselves more than they? Is it not entirely possible that our low evangelistic index is closely related to our poor practice of Christian Stewardship? Have we been "Careful and troubled about many things," neglecting the "one thing needful?" Will not persons born of the spirit and practicing the scriptural injunctions of Christian Stewardship lay their substance upon the altar along with their time and talents in their Christian witness? Do not these facts and truths point to us the way we ought to go during the coming biennium?

Recommendation—That this session of the Convention adopt the courageous program projected by the Finance Committee—including the employment of a Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism.

3. IN CHURCH EXTENSION?

During the past biennium we have organized two new churches and received another (an already established church) in our fellowship. During the past 10 years we have established less than 5 new churches, and those 10 years have marked the most amazing population turnover and growth in our history as a nation. New communities have been born, and cities have grown in leaps and bounds. The population growth has confounded the sociologists, and the prospective growth for the next 10 years is even greater. Yet, we have lacked the will and we have not found the way to hold up our end of the Protestant responsibility for the winning of America to Christ.

The size of our churches tell us plainly that in several instances our churches are becoming smaller and weaker year by year. This is due in large measure to population changes, and many of these churches are going to die. We now have 28 churches with less than 50 members, and there are 77 with less than 100 members!

If we are to preserve our strength, we must do our part in bearing the witness. Yes, no doubt other denominations will go into the unchurched communities of our two states if we do not! But in our idleness, we are liable to lose our souls!

Recommendation—That we reaffirm our goal in Church Extension adopted six years ago—*one new church per year in each of our five Conferences.*

OUR INSTITUTIONS AND THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

1. ELON COLLEGE since 1889 has been the center of our church life. She has furnished perhaps 75 per cent of our pastors, scores of trained lay leaders, and inspired hundreds of others through her influence. It would be a dark picture we would see if it had not been for Elon College. Our college, like all other church-related and supported colleges, is having a hard time of it financially. What America does with her Christian colleges may well chart the course of our nation. We, as a church, are dependent upon the fortunes of Elon. Likewise, Elon is dependent upon our financial and human support. Give Elon College your financial help. Send your sons and daughters to her halls of learning and inspiration.

2. THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE—Our church fathers saw the care of helpless childhood as a part of the Christian witness. Hence the founding of our Orphanage. There are circumstances of the broken home and the orphaned child to which we as a church dare not turn a deaf or an unconcerned eye. The children committed to our

church present an opportunity for investment in the future by surrounding these children with Christian influence, training and essential physical care.

3. MOONELON—Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Sellers of our First Church, Burlington, a Convention Center of nearly 30 acres of land and essential equipment has been given to the Convention. This Center can become a place of inspiration and training for our youth in summer conferences, retreats, etc., as well as a Center for our laymen and women. There is need for additional equipment. We hope our laymen will interest themselves in the development of this place of opportunity.

4. THE CHRISTIAN SUN since 1844 has been a beacon light to our churches and members. The last remaining weekly periodical of our Congregational Christian denomination in America, *The Christian Sun* fills a unique place in our fellowship. We have tried to promote its circulation. While the paper is on a more sound financial basis than two years ago—(we are operating without a deficit, due to the apportionment and the subsidies from Elon College, the Orphanage, and the Mission Board)—we are printing and mailing less than 2,000 copies weekly. Of this number, perhaps less than 1,600 copies are going into the homes of our more than 10,000 families! Church people who read *The Christian Sun* support the church. An increased subscription list of readers of *The Christian Sun* would strengthen our fellowship and would provide added resources for our Christian witness.

OUR MINISTRY.

In the Conferences of the Convention there are 120 ordained ministers, 10 ministers with limited ordination, and 19 licentiates. Two ministers of other denominations are serving our churches. We have six ministerial students in the Bible Class, four of whom are enrolled at Elon College and one is enrolled at seminary. We have 15 ordained ministers and licentiates studying at seminary or at Elon College. Of this number, 11 are already serving churches as pastors.

With only 21 students preparing for the Christian ministry, most of whom are already serving churches, it may be plainly seen that our supply of ministers is likely to continue to be inadequate. To supply our churches with pastors now and in the future, we should recruit and enroll each year at Elon College 15 young men for the ministry. At least 10 should be graduating at Elon College and five from seminary each year if we are to have a supply of pastors for our churches.

During the biennium seven new pastors have come into our Convention—Bozarth, Brickhouse, Galt, Linder, Powell, Ratzell and White. These men are taking their places amongst us as faithful servants of the church. We lament the loss by death of four of our active ministers: W. Stanley Carne, Ben Joe Earp, Luther B. Grice and J. Frank Morgan. The Committee on Memoirs will record others of the ministers who have passed away during the biennium.

It is a source of inspiration and encouragement to your pastors to know the churches are more and more concerned that adequate salaries should be paid, that parsonages are being erected or purchased. The security of our pastors has been greatly strengthened in the Group Insurance Plan for Pastors and their Dependents we were able to effect during the past year. All of these, though material, have given the pastors a new sense of responsibility and devotion.

Recommendation—That we ask our Laymen's Fellowship, Woman's Convention and Youth Fellowship to lay upon the hearts and minds of our choice young men the cause of the Christian ministry.

OUR AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Our Woman's Missionary Convention continues its excellent work; our Youth Fellowship increases in number and effectiveness; our Laymen's Fellowship is getting beyond the "rallying" stage and is looking for a job to do. Our Boards and Committees are taking seriously their responsibilities and are increasing their effectiveness.

Recommendation—An annual or biennial planning conference of Boards, Committees and officials of the Convention to study together our total objectives and plans for the year or biennium; fix calendar of essential events; meet by Boards and Committees for developing respective plans as related to the whole.

WE HAVE TRIED TO SERVE.

There is not a part in the above picture of our Convention in which I, as your Superintendent, have not had some responsibility. I have worked for the Mission Board as its Executive Secretary; the Board of Publications as its subscription agent for *The Christian Sun* and compiler of THE CHRISTIAN ANNUAL; the Board of Superannuation as its counselor and contact person with the national Division of Ministerial Relief and with ministers and widows in need; the Laymen's Fellowship, the Woman's Convention, etc. It is the privilege and responsibility of the Superintendent to represent the Convention in denominational and inter-denominational meetings. He prepares the statistics for the National Yearbook, and he is the contact person of the Board of Home Missions, the American Board and other national agencies in the Convention.

I have shared responsibility in scores of meetings of committees of Conferences and the Convention. I have tried to answer every call of the churches and pastors. Hundreds of visits to churches and pastors have been made—sometimes to preach, conduct communion or perform baptisms for student pastors, consecrate or baptize a pastor's child, raise money, conduct a revival, conduct a stewardship institute and every-member canvass, help obtain a pastor, help launch a building program, break ground for a new church or parsonage, burn a mortgage, consecrate or dedicate a church or parsonage, organize a new church, promote the organization of laymen's work, or just to counsel with the church or pastor.

I have tried to promote every interest of the Church and Convention, particularly the apportionment giving. Hours upon hours have gone into endless details—many of them seemingly useless, yet important in the total program of the local churches, Conferences and Convention. Hundreds of letters must be written concerning the various phases of our work. Reports to and contact with our denominational program go through my office, claiming my time and concern. Counseling ministerial students is a joy and service rendered. This is a part of the order of the day of the Superintendent. There is never a dull moment, but there are many tired ones! Physical strength and time are not sufficient to fulfill all the calls. We struggle for time for creative thought and planning, but often we are disappointed or fall short of our best because this time cannot be found. Yet there is a joy in serving the fellowship. We are trying to do our best for you and to give our best, always mindful of our failures and shortcomings. Pray for us that we may be faithful, devoted and effective in the trust you have committed to us.

I wish to pay special tribute to the unselfish and long hours of service of my colleagues, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, and the Convention Office staff. No one not having worked on the Convention staff can know the numerous demands upon your employees. Likewise, I am grateful for the trust and comradeship of our wonderful pastors, the scores of devoted lay people, the consideration of President Smith and Elon College. Without all these, and many not mentioned, our humble labor would be much poorer indeed.

May God give us wisdom to see Christ's plan for our great Convention, and with that wisdom may He give us concern, courage and resources for the fulfillment of his plans through us in our time.

WM. T. SCOTT,
Superintendent.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Educational Secretary be received and made a part of the record.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

Since there is not enough space to make this a statistical report nor an accurate account of the use of my time during the past biennium, I shall attempt to summarize activities in which I have assisted.

WOMEN'S WORK.

A large amount of my time is taken up with Women's Work which I enjoy and think important. I have attended all Board meetings of the Southern Convention

women, assisted with the planning and program of the School of Missions, attended the biennial meeting in Norfolk, and have served as Chairman of Literature. As Literature Chairman, I have, with the aid of the Conference Literature Chairmen, prepared the program packet each year and promoted its use in the women's societies. All of this requires days of preparation and correspondence throughout the year. Our office attempts to meet all requests for routine and special literature, and in addition mimeographs reports, programs such as Thank Offering, Cradle Roll, and others sent out by Convention officers; as well as letters sent by the various departments. One of the most interesting Convention-wide activities during the biennium was the trip to the United Nations. Twenty-three women, representing all five Conferences, went on the trip which included, in addition to the United Nations, special meetings arranged by the denominational Legislative Committee in Washington and a visit to our National headquarters in New York.

On the Conference level, I have atended each annual meeting of the women during the biennium and all district rallies with the exception of three this year—a total of 17; attended at least one Board meeting of each Conference; and our office has mimeographed annual reports and letters sent out by the department superintendents.

I have visited local women's groups for speeches and book reviews, to take missionary speakers and so forth; and have assisted in the organization of five new societies, three of these within the past month; and have attempted to answer all requests which have come to the office.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

A report of the Southern Convention Youth Fellowship is included elsewhere. I have worked with the young people in arranging two spring planning retreats, met with the officers from time to time, arranged for our group to be represented by one adult and four young people at the National meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, two years ago; provided news items for the Editor of Youth Page, prepared a young people's packet each year and worked with them in their missionary projects. The outstanding missionary activity of the Southern Convention young people has been the bringing over of a student from the Philippines to study for two years in this country. Jose Dabuet is in his first year at Princeton Seminary and the young people raised the entire amount, $1,250.00, the first year and are now raising the other half. A nominating committee made up of two representatives from each of the five Conferences have nominated officers for the next biennium. Plans are being made to send representatives to the National Pilgrim Fellowship meeting in California this summer.

One big time consumer is young people's work in the Conferences. Each fall, the five Conferences hold a rally on successive Sundays. In 1950, these were held on the five Sundays in October and widely advertised as "A Month of Sundays for Young People." All Conference young people's groups have held at least one other rally each year and some Conferences two or three additional rallies. In most instances, this has meant preliminary planning meetings to set up the programs.

The two big events for the past two springs have been the State-wide Young People's Rallies in Virginia, held at our church in Richmond; and in North Carolina, at Elon College. More than 1,000 young people attended the two this spring and all have felt them highly successful.

Spring and summer each year have brought committee meetings, planning conferences, programs, preparation of posters, and general promotion of camps and conferences. In addition to the Young People's Conference at Elon College, the Junior High Camp in North Carolina, the Valley of Virginia Camp, the following new camps were added: The Junior High Camp in Eastern Virginia, a Camp for Junior boys and girls, and a Family Camp.

Another summer activity is the selection, training, and placing of Student Summer Service workers. Last summer there were nine students who assisted in this work and a special feature was a Youth Caravan made up of three young men including Timothy Chang, who spent the entire summer visiting our churches throughout the Convention. A small group of young people participated in a week-end Work Camp at Franklinton Institute, near the end of June.

This is a good place to report Vacation Bible School work. Last year the 50th Anniversary of the Vacation Bible School Movement was observed. I am pleased with the number of churches conducting schools. We assist through the Board of Christian Education in the selection of text books and the purchase of these books; also providing workers where needed.

Student Work—Last fall with Dr. Bryant Drake, National Student Secretary, meetings were arranged and held for Congregational Christian students in the following places: Durham (Duke and the University of North Carolina), Greensboro, Raleigh, and Elon College. This led to a conference of Congregational Christian students held over the past weekend at Elon. This was the first conference of this kind and while the attendance was small, it was a representative one and a very worthwhile meeting. In addition, I have met with the student group in Greensboro from time to time at their regular meetings as well as assisted in their program planning. I found it a very stimulating and interesting experience to participate in Religious Emphasis Week at Woman's College this year.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

Leadership training is growing in the Convention and we have been experimenting with several different types. We do some interdenominational leadership training schools and should do more. Area denominational schools with three or more teachers have been held in a number of places during the past two years. One of our most effective forms of leadership education has been Pilgrim Series Institutes for churches using our denominational literature. These have been more successful when held in local churches We hope to have an increasing amount of this type of leadership education There have also been a number of institute type of training programs such as an afternoon on Worship in one church and a One-Day Conference on Children's Work with Miss Leila Anderson, of the National Division of Christian Education, for the Eastern North Carolina churches; and district and conference-wide Sunday afternoon and evening meetings. I feel personally that we should experiment with all kinds of leadership training and do much more than we are doing at the present and use more people for leadership.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Visual Aids—More of our churches are using Visual Aids, and film-strips are being added to our Film Library. Four film-strips on Family Life were purchased by the Southern Convention women recently. Three copies of the feature film for next year, "More for Peace," have just arrived and will be available for use in the fall. The distribution of these films requires a lot of time and is being done by Ruth Dunn, who is invaluable in our office in so many ways, and I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude for all she does.

College Day Observance—Programs and other materials; speakers and singers from the College Choir were provided for College Day Observance for our churches during the past two years.

Interdenominational Work—I am convinced that we do far too little of this since our denomination is in a position to do cooperative work and it is a part of our Christian belief. I have attended a few committee meetings set up by the North Carolina Council of Churches and the annual meeting of the Council of Churches and the Council of Church Women. I also attended a meeting of the State Directors of Religious Education set up by the Virginia Council of Churches and have arranged for representatives at other meetings.

Meetings Outside of the Area—Included the Mid-winter meeting held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, January, 1951, and the Southeast Regional meeting held at Avon Park, Florida, this spring.

Meetings Within the Convention—Meetings of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention; regular meetings of the Mission Board, occasional meetings at Franklinton Institute, and all annual Conference meetings. In addition to the Mission Board meetings, I have attended a number of committee meetings to plan for the observance of Mission Emphasis Period and have arranged itineraries for missionaries such as Miss Angie Crew, Miss Edith Preusse, and others as well as Board Secretaries and other speakers for Conferences, Rallies, and other meetings. I attempt

in field work and in the office to assist in any way I can with all of the institutions of the Convention and to send items for publication through the regular departments of *The Christian Sun* and directly to the editor.

A bulletin for Sunday School Superintendents and other workers in our churches was prepared last fall. I need to do more of this kind of religious education. On the other hand, every Conference, Camp, Rally, committee meeting, or packet of literature requires hours of preparation, letters before and after, so that office work continues to be our greatest problem. It is impossible to list here visits to local churches. I have traveled at least 34,000 miles during the biennium.

I want to express to you, the members of our churches in the Southern Convention, my appreciation for your every courtesy as I travel among you; for all your cooperation in our common enterprises, and for all the good work you do in the Conference and Convention, in addition to a heavy load in your local church. It is a great place in which to work.

PATTIE LEE COGHILL,
Educational Secretary.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Treasurer be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—JANUARY 1, 1950, TO DECEMBER 31, 1951.

FUNDS:	*Beginning Balance*	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	*Ending Balance*
Home Missions	$ 4,249.11	$ 83,466.68	$ 84,890.10	$ 2,825.69
Foreign Missions, and Relief and Reconstruction	1,477.86	62,874.47	63.526.41	825.92
The Christian Orphanage	.....	47,497.45	47,497.45	.....
Elon College	.....	27,389.47	27,389.47	.....
Elon College Sustaining Fund	.....	12,057.87	12,057.87	.....
Christian Education	.....	14,705.86	12,527.27	2,178.59
Superannuation (Including Christmas Fund)	.....	9,991.34	9,494.04	497.30
Convention Fund	4,015.68	37,473.80	39,254.05	2,235.43
Per Capita Dues	.....	4,328.91	4,190.41	138.50
Board of Publications	.....	25,382.35	24,667.28	715.07
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1,803.79	2,364.81	2,428.50	1,740.10
Ministerial Loan Fund	1,960.79	1,562.00	3,522.79	.....
Other	200.00	4,250.14	4,400.48	49.66
Total	$13,707.23	$333,345.15	$335,846.12	$11,206.26

SOURCES OF RECEIPTS—JANUARY 1, 1950, TO DECEMBER 31, 1951.

Churches	$180,160.64
Sunday Schools	38,940.20
Woman's Board	34,001.25
Inter-Fund Receipts	27.857.15
Loan—Banks	12,350.00
Christian Sun Subscriptions	10,168.53
Individuals and Miscellaneous	6,812.29
Board of Home Missions, New York	2,340.00
Sunday School Convention Dues	3,386.40
Sale of *Manuals* and Reimbursement for printing THE ANNUAL	2,323.25
Repayment of Ministerial Loans	1,562.50
Reimbursement to Miscellaneous	1,558.94
Christian Missionary Association—N. C.-Va.	2,300.00
Sale of Lynchburg Church—N. C.-Va. Conference	11,000.00
Board of Publications—Loan E. Va. Conference	2.500.00
Checks voided	84.00
Total Receipts	$333,345.15

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—CONVENTION FUND.
JANUARY 1, 1950, TO DECEMBER 31, 1951.

(Exhibit B.)

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1950			$ 4,015.68
Receipts.			
Apportionment—Churches	$15,564.02		
Sunday Schools	1,084.79		
		$16,648.81	
Mission Board—Regular Subsidy and P. L. C. Secretary		7,983.37	
Board of Christian Education		9,000.00	
Superintendent's Home		657.25	
Miscellaneous		1,205.04	
Refunds for Supplies		868.80	
The Christian Orphanage		600.00	
Bonus Gift		150.00	
Withholding Tax, deducted last quarter		288.70	
Social Security Tax, deducted last quarter		42.83	
Checks voided		29.00	
			37,473.80
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance			$41,489.48
Disbursements			
Supervisional Salaries and Traveling Expenses:			
Superintendent's Salary	$ 7,999.84		
Superintendent's Travel	2,988.01		
Educational Secretary's Salary	6,000.00		
Educational Secretary's Travel	2,688.80		
		$19,676.65	
Office Salaries		8,964.33	
Office Expenses:			
Telephone and Telegraph	$ 610.04		
Postage and Express	1,063.87		
Printing and Office Supplies	1,873,57		
Bank Service Charges	31,25		
		3,578.73	
Superintendent's Home:			
Principal	$ 1,575.00		
Interest	334.11		
Insurance	139.75		
Repairs, Painting and Plumbing	679.66		
		2,728.52	
Annuities and Bonds		1,089.85	
Miscellaneous		236.67	
Meetings		530.31	
Christian Sun Subsidy		900.00	
Equipment and Service		413.98	
Contingent		901.54	
Audio-Visual Education—H. E. Robinson		5.00	
Deposit on Group Insurance—Home Life Insurance Co.		100.00	
Convention's Half of Social Security Tax, paid		128.47	
			39,254.05
Balance, December 31, 1951			$ 2,235.53

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Asst. Treasurer*

OWEN AND HOGAN
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
BURLINGTON, N. C.
February 21, 1952

The Executive Board,
The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.,
Elon College, North Carolina.

Gentlemen:

We have made an audit of the books and records of *The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.,* Elon College, North Carolina, for the year ended December 31, 1951.

In our opinion the Cash Receipts and Disbursements Statements referred to above correctly present the operating results of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., for the two year period ended December 31, 1951.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ WALTER F. OWEN, C.P.A.,
OWEN AND HOGAN,
Certified Public Accountants.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Board of Christian Education be adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Board of Christian Education has endeavored to keep pace with the ongoing life of the church. Special divisions of the Board are charged with responsibilities, such as the work of Children, Young People, and Adults.

Much work is done by our Educational Secretary, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill. She, with your Board, has attempted some new projects the last two years:

1. State-wide Pilgrim Fellowship Meetings have been held with large attendance in each state. The presidents of the Conference Pilgrim Fellowship groups have worked extensively to make these meetings successful.

2. Sunday School Superintendents have met in all Conferences, except the Valley Conference. Promoted by the presidents of the Sunday School Conventions, these meetings of the superintendents have proven of great value. Much commendation should go to the Presidents of the Sunday School Conventions, for their constant worrk and meetings. This has increased the value of our Sunday School Conventions.

3. The program for college and university students is not as far advanced as we had hoped. Several student conferences have been held and others are in the planning stage.

4. Elon College is our college and we urge the continued support of each church to this church college Students from our churches as well as financial help are needed.

5. A Youth Caravan was established last summer to visit local church youth groups and youth meetings.

6. Visual aids are becoming increasingly important. Films have been purchased and loaned out to the churches. An attempt has been made to place slide and film strip projectors in designated areas.

Many other activities claimed our attention: Vacation Church Schools, Leadership Training Schools, summer camps and conferences.

W. J. ANDES, *Chairman.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
JANUARY 1, 1950, TO DECEMBER 31, 1951.

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1950			$ .00
Receipts.			
Apportionment—Churches	$6,661.61		
Sunday Schools	571.52		
		$7,233.13	
K. D. Register, Treasurer, 1949 Balance		2,229.60	
Sunday School Conventions		3,566.10	
Leadership Training Schools		240.00	
Summer Student Service		509.50	
V. P. I. Scholarship		90.00	
Scholarship—Twiddy and Varga		200.00	
Miscellaneous		632.53	
Checks voided		5.00	
			14,705.86
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance			$14,705.86
Disbursements.			
Leadership Training Schools		$ 342.11	
Convention Fund		9,000.00	
Ministers' Scholarships		75.00	
Summer Conference		408.66	
Board and Committee Meetings		280.43	
Summer Student Service		1,974.17	
Literature		55.55	
Board of Publications		200.00	
Miscellaneous		191.35	
			12,527.27
Balance			$ 2,178.59

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Asst. Treasurer.*

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Your committee has acted on applications for scholarship funds according to the directions set forth in the 1950 ANNUAL, pages 27 and 28. The treasurer's report that follows will reveal the recipients of the funds.

W. J. ANDES,
H. E. ROBINSON,
K. D. REGISTER,
Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
JANUARY 1, 1950, TO DECEMBER 31, 1951.

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1950			$1,803.79
Receipts.			
Apportionment—Churches	$2,114.80		
Sunday Schools	150.01		
		$2,264.81	
Repayment of Grant—M. L. Fogleman		100.00	
			* 2,364.81
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance			$3,168.60

*Does not include Eastern Virginia Ministerial Scholarship from January 1, 1950, to Novemebr 1, 1950.

Disbursements.

James W. Madren	$ 100.00	
Martin L. Fogleman	223.50	
C. Fred Allred	200.00	
Warren Matthews	200.00	
James R. Hailey	200.00	
Wm. T. Scott, Jr.	200.00	
John Robert Lackey	200.00	
Rosser Lee Clapp	200.00	
Edgar James Clawson	100.00	
Herman Johnson	175.00	
John P. Littiken	100.00	
Max Vestal	100.00	
G. C. White, Treasurer, Eastern Va. Conference	430.00	
		2,428.50
Balance		$1,740.10

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Ass't Treasurer.*

On motion it was voted that the report of the Board of Publications be adopted but that action on the proposed budget be deferred until later.

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

Financially your church paper is in a better condition than has been the case for several years. This is due to the increase in the subscription rate and to the apportionment funds set aside by each conference and church in the past biennium. Current expenses have been met and a payment on the loan from the Eastern Virginia Ministerial Loan Fund has been made in the amount of $750.00.

As of March 10, 1952, the subscription list was 1,804 paid subscribers and 43 exchange copies. Since January 1, 1951, 616 subscriptions expired and were not renewed. This is an unhealthy situation and should be remedied. Every effort is made by the Convention office to secure renewals. To your Board it appears that the fault lies in the local church and more effective presentation of the need for *The Christian Sun* to families at that level would assure greater interest and increased subscriptions.

The Christian Sun is not "just another magazine." It is the voice of the Institutions, Boards, Conferences, Offices and local churches of the Southern Convention. We admit that as a "voice" it has certain faults and limitations. We are eager to correct them that it may become more effective. We have approximately 10,000 families in the Convention. Less than 20 per cent of those homes, at the present time, have an opportunity to read of the work the churches are striving to accomplish. If you have constructive suggestions for content, format, or increasing subscription strength we will be happy to consider those suggestions and to use those that will be effective. In direct ratio to your increased interest, support, and effort the volume of the "voice" will increase. We believe that *The Christian Sun* can make a greater contribution in every area of our church life but the burden of responsibility for securing the interest of the people of our churches rests with the effective presentation of *The Sun* by the local church.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That *The Christian Sun* continue to be a sixteen page weekly publication at the present subscription rates, the content and format to be modified as the editor, managing editor and chairman of the Board of Publications, at the direction of the entire board, deem advisable.

2. That the ministers and laymen of the several conferences be uregd to enter into a concerted effort to secure a wider subscription on the part of our people. Those churches already having agents for *The Sun* are to be commended and the practice of a local agent in the church is presented as a step in the right direction.

However, the responsibility can not and should not be delegated to any one individual but should be shared by a group large enough to adequately cover the entire church.

3. That the local churches take a greater interest and a more active part in reporting events of special importance in their local program. Many of our churches are too modest — they never report the interesting and effective work they are doing. Send your reports to the editor—he will make every effort to use your material for the benefit of our whole fellowship.

4. That the Convention assure *The Christian Sun* apportionment of $2,000.00. Last year we received approximately $1,600.00 from this source. If your paper is to continue to operate without a deficit, the entire $2,000.00 is needed. We suggest that the Convention underwrite the difference between the apportionment receipts and the $2,000.00 so that we have a firm subsidy. We have just incurred a 20 per cent increase in the production cost of *The Christian Sun.* That increase was necessary and reasonable. In order to meet our increased costs we must be sure of our income. Every effort will be made to secure more subscriptions but your Board feels that a firm subsidy is essential.

5. That the Resolutions Committee of the Southern Convention be requested to present citations to the following men for their long and excellent service to the Convention and its churches through the services they render in *The Christian Sun.*

To Dr. H. S. Hardcastle who has for more than 25 years rendered invaluable service in the weekly presentation of the Sunday School lessons prepared for *The Christian Sun.* His keen comment, deep understanding and timely suggestions have given greater insight to many of our people.

To Mr. John T. Kernodle for the more than 30 years of careful and continuous effort as the publishing agent for *The Chrsitian Sun.* Through good times and bad he has sought to serve his church in an effective manner. As Managing Editor he has made an invaluable contribution not only to the paper but to the life of the church as a whole.

To Dr. Robert Lee House for the 12 years that he has served as editor of the paper With real Christian concern and courage he has sought to present materials that will be truly productive for the church. He has with fairness and impartially presented questions of almost every nature to our churches in an effort to bring them into deeper mutual understanding and fellowship.

We believe that recognition of long and faithful service for these men should be made at this meeting of the Convention.

The Board presents the following proposed budget in place of the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee. Our proposal is made necessary by the fact that there has been an increase in the cost of production, that certain expenses with regard to travel of the editor are necessary, that certain office expenses with regard to mailing and renewal notices should be cared for by *The Sun* rather than by the Convention office. The budget as we propose it shows an increase of $900.00 over that proposed by the Finance Committee.

PROPOSED BUDGET.

For printing *The Christian Sun*	$ 9,500.00
For editor's secretarial expense	600.00
For editor's travel	175.00
For office expenses for postage	175.00
For addressograph plates, etc., for subscription list	45.00
Printing of notices, envelopes, receipts, etc.	130.00
Meetings	50.00
Audit and miscellaneous	50.00
Total Annual Operating Expense	$10,725.00

To meet this budget we believe the following resources are available:

Subscription income	$ 5,084.00
Mission subsidy	1,000.00
Orphanage subsidy	1,200.00
Elon College subsidy	900.00
Advertising	200.00
Apportionment	2,000.00
Total Annual Income Estimated	$10,384.00

It is apparent that a $400.00 operating deficit is present but we hope to compensate for that by additional subscriptions to *The Sun*.

DUANE N. VORE, *Chairman,*
SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND,
S. E. MADREN,
R. C. HELFENSTEIN,
P. H. RICKETTS,
Board of Publications.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.
JANUARY 1, 1950, TO DECEMBER 31, 1951.

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1950			$ .00
Receipts.			
W. J. Andes, Treasurer		$ 1,057.00	
Subscriptions		10,168.53	
Christian Orphanage Subsidy		1,955.00	
Home Missions Subsidy		999.92	
Foreign Missions Subsidy		999.92	
Elon College Subsidy		1,350.00	
Convention Fund Subsidy		900.00	
Board of Christian Education		200.00	
Contributions		560.00	
Advertising		105.40	
Apportionment—Churches	$1,514.36		
Sunday Schools	119.20		
		1,633.56	
Miscellaneous		147.30	
Cuts		206.45	
ANNUAL Account		2,149.22	
Endowment		268.80	
Loan from Eastern Virginia Conference		2,500.00	
Interest on Bonds		23.75	
Elon College—Special Issue, *Christian Sun*		157.50	
			25,383.35
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance			$25,383.35
Disbursements			
Central Publishing Co., Inc.		$19,904.26	
R. L. House, Editor		1,200.00	
Christian ANNUAL, publishing account		2,153.14	
Meetings, office postage and miscellaneous		598.08	
Extra Help		61.80	
Repayment on Loan—Eastern Va. Conference		750.00	
			24,667.28
Balance			$ 715.07

Accounts Receivable.

Elon College, Subsidy, 1-1-51 to 12-31-51	$ 900.00	
Cut	5.40	
		$ 905.40
Christian Orphanage, Subsidy, 10-1-51 to 12-31-51		300.00
G. C. Crutchfield, Cut		4.25
Liberty Parsonage Cut		5.60
Total Accounts Receivable		$ 1,215.25

NOTE: Since December 31, 1951, the following items have been paid: Christian Orphanage Subsidy, $300.00; Liberty Parsonage Cut, $5.60; total, $305.60.

Audited 1950-51 by Owen and Hogan, C.P.A., Burlington, N. C.

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Ass't Treasurer.*

Rev. Thomas K. Thompson addressed the Convention on the theme: "The Biblical Basis of Stewardship."

The report of the Finance Committee was read by Dr. S. C. Harrell and, on motion, it was voted to consider the report by numbered paragraphs.

The first paragraph (unnumbered) containing the Budget for the biennium, was read and adopted.

Paragraph No. 2 was adopted, and details referred to the Executive Board with power.

Paragraph No. 3 was adopted.

Paragraph No. 4. On motion, it was voted that the proposed budget submitted by the Board of Publications be substituted.

Paragraphs Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were adopted.

A motion that the report as a whole and as amended be adopted was then voted. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We recommend Annual Apportionments and Budget for the 1952-54 Biennium as follows: (Effective with Conference year 1952-53).

	Conference	*Women*	*Authorized Specials*	*Total*
Convention Fund	$ 23,000	.....	.....	$ 23,000
Convention H. M. and Ch. Extension Fund	12,500	$ 3,750	$ 25,000	41,250
Christian Education	4,000	.....	.....	4,000
Elon College	15,000	.....	34,000	49,000
Christian Orphanage	15,000	.....	25,000	40,000
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1,500	.....	.....	1,500
The Christian Sun	2,000	.....	.....	2,000
Nat'l Board of H. M. and Ministerial Relief	11,000	3,750	.....	14,750
Foreign Missions (ABCFM)	12,500	7,500	7,500	27,500
Per Capita Dues	3,300	.....	.....	3,300
Total Annually	$ 99,800	$ 15,000	$ 91,500	$ 206,300

1. We recommend that the $99,800 to be apportioned to the Conferences be distributed as follows: (Effective with Conference Year 1952-1953.)

	E.Va.	*Valley*	*E.N.C.*	*W.N.C.*	*N.C.-Va.*	*Total*
Convention Fund	$ 7,890	$ 1,830	$ 3,090	$ 2,300	$ 7,890	$ 23,000
Convention Home Missions & Church Extension Fund	4,623	1,062	1,470	1,062	4,283	12,500
Christian Education	1,450	330	535	330	1,355	4,000
Elon College	6,000	960	2,100	1,140	4,800	15,000
Christian Orphanage	4,800	960	2,100	1,140	6,000	15,000
Ministerial Scholoship Fund	500	125	225	150	500	1,500
The Christian Sun	700	150	250	200	700	2,000
National Board of Home Missions and Minist. Relief	4,070	935	1,300	935	3,760	11,000
Foreign Missions (ABCFM)	4,646	1,072	1,429	1,072	4,281	12,500
Per Capita Dues	1,120	248	559	380	993	3,300
Total	$ 35,799	$ 7,672	$ 13,058	$ 8,709	$ 34,562	$ 99,800

2. The Mission Board approached the Finance Committee asking for authority to raise special funds for its Home Mission projects, with the suggestion that an individual might be employed to conduct this solicitation.

It is the considered judgment of the Finance Committee that in view of the financial needs of the total work of the Convention, its Boards and Institutions, a broader base of a program of Christian Stewardship would bring about a more wholesome and continuous response to the need for additional funds than could be realized through any special financial drive or solicitation.

Accordingly, provision is made in the budget recommended for the 1952-54 biennium for the employment of a Stewardship and Evangelism Secretary. We believe that such a step by the Convention now is imperative and would result in new Christian vitality and increasing giving.

3. We recommend an Annual Operating Budget of $27,500 effective January 1, 1953, for Convention Leadership, Promotion, Stewardship and Evangelism Secretary, and the Convention Office, to be administered by the Executive Board of the Convention.

Proposed sources of income:

Convention Fund	$ 23,000
Board of Christian Education	4,500
	$ 27,500

4. Proposed Annual Budget for *The Christian Sun* for the coming biennium:

Printing *The Christian Sun* (up to 2,250 copies, 50 issues)	$ 9,500
Editor's secretarial expenses	600
Editor's travel	175
Office expense, for postage	175
Addressograph plates, etc., for subscription list	45
Printing of notices, envelopes, receipts, etc.	130
Meetings	50
Audit and miscellaneous	50
Total for operation	$ 10,725

To meet this budget, we believe the following annual resources are available:

Subscription income	$ 5,084
Mission subsidy	1,000
Orphanage subsidy	1,200
Elon College subsidy	900
Advertising	200
Apportionment	2,000
Total Estimate (annual)	$ 10,384

It is apparent that a $400 operating deficit is present, but it is hoped to compensate for that by additional subscriptions.

It is recommended that boards and institutions pay the amounts specified for *The* Christian Sun and the Operating Budget of the Convention Office in monthly installments; and that appropriations from boards and institutions begin January 1, 1953, and run through the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

5. *Elon College* has made commendable progress and advancement in recent years. Its expanding program calls for larger and continued financial support.

We recommend that in addition to an annual Apportionment of $15,000 for Elon College that the Sustaining Fund for Elon College of $1.00 per member per year (approximately $34,000) be continued for the 1952-54 biennium; that the Sustaining Fund be raised during the College Period, and that it constitute a ceiling on special funds to be raised from the church constituency of the Convention for current purposes; that Sustaining Fund contributions continue to be channeled through the Southern Convention Office and credited to the churches in a special column of *The Annual;* that this be a cooperative effort, participated in by the College Administration, the Convention, conferences, churches and church officials; that the Convention appoint a committee to work for the Convention in cooperation with the officials of the organizations named above, to promote the Sustaining Fund plan throughout the Convention; and that, effective immediately, the Convention treasurer pay all Sustaining Fund receipts to Elon College to be used by the College as it sees fit. We recommend that each local church set up a committee to promote the Sustaining Fund.

We further recommend that the Convention approve the request of the Board of Trustees of Elon College to increase the Expansion Program of the College from $2,000,000 to $2,500,000.

6. *The Christian Orphanage.* We recommend that in addition to an annual apportionment of $15,000 for the Christian Orphanage that the Convention authorize the Orphanage to raise during the Orphanage period "An Authorized Special" of $25,000 annually from the Convention constituency for building rehabilitation and current budget purposes, such "Authorized Special" gifts from Convention churches, organizations and individuals to be channeled through the Southern Convention Office and credited to the churches in a special column of *The Annual.* We *recommend* that this "Authorized Special" be a ceiling on special funds to be raised from the church constituency of the Convention for current operations.

We further recommend that the Convention authorize the Christian Orphanage to raise $20,000 per year from non-Convention sources for building rehabilitation purposes.

7. *The Mission Board.* We recommend that in addition to an annual apportionment of $12,500 for Convention Home Missions and Church Extension, the Convention authorize the Mission Board to raise during Mission Period an "Authorized Special" of $25,000 annually for these purposes, such "Authorized Special" gifts to be channeled through the Southern Convention Office and credited to the churches in a special column of *The Annual.* We recommend that this "Authorized Special" be a ceiling on special funds to be raised from the church constituency of the Convention for current operation. We also recommend an "Authorized Special" of $7,500 for Foreign Missions.

8. We recommend that all churches be urged to raise their Missions and Benevolent Funds by securing subscriptions for their entire Conference Apportionments. Churches which do not raise their entire apportionments by means of subscriptions should receive a special Offering for Missions at Easter, a special Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage, a special Christmas Offering for Ministerial Relief, and a special Offering for Elon College during the College Period. Until the regular contributions are sufficient to meet apportionments, churches should seek to raise the apportionments in full by seeking special gifts from individuals.

9. We recommend the continuance of the present plan of regular monthly offerings for Missions and the Orphanage, and the Fifth Sunday Offering for Elon College,

to be taken by the Sunday Schools, until the amount of the apportionment for each shall be raised in full, thereafter all benevolent contributions from Sunday Schools should be allotted to the other items of apportionments which have not been raised in full. Contributions from Sunday Schools should be forwarded through the designated channels and credited on the respective Conference Apportionments.

10. We recommend that the Orphanage, the Mission Board and Elon College be authorized to make appeals for contributions, each during the period herein designated, as follows: Elon College—January, February, September and October; Missions—March, April, May and June; Orphanage--November and December; that Communion offerings may be received for Ministerial Relief; and that at Christmas a special offering may be taken for the "Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross," said offering to be forwarded to the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions, New York, as an emergency fund and extra appropriation to the superannuates. It is recommended that the practice of making appeals to churches, Sunday Schools and auxiliaries for material or financial gifts at other times than during the periods designated, be discontinued.

11. We recommend that the Board of Christian Education be authorized to appeal for offerings on Children's Day from Sunday Schools, and from individuals during July anl August.

We recommend that all funds contributed by churches, church organizations, or by individuals of churches of the Convention, be credited to their churches, be transmitted to the Convention Treasurer through the Convention Office; that the Convention Office report such gifts to the Secretary of the Conference in which the local church holds membership; and that each local church secretary be furnished with a report of all funds sent from his church for Convention enterprises, together with the balances due.

12. During the past biennium several churches have followed the practice of sending contributions to the Convention Office with the request that they be distributed proportionately to all apportionment items. We commend these churches in this practice and recommend it to all the churches of the Convention for their favorable consideration.

13. We have checked the report of the Treasurer against the audit of Owen & Hogan, C. P. A., and have found same to be correct.

S. C. HARRELL, *Chairman.*

Committee: S. C. Harrell, Clyde Fields, C. W. Gordon, A. H. McIver, Mrs. W. W. Sellars, S. H. Basnight, John Robert Walker, R. E. Newton, George D. Colclough, Jesse H. Dollar.

The report of the Mission Board was read by Mrs. John G. Truitt, chairman. Pending its adoption, the following persons addressed the Convention on various phases of the board's work: Melvin Dollar, Everette Neese, R. L. Jackson. Mrs. W. E. Wisseman told of the board's relationship to the Home Board of the General Council, and Henry E. Robinson spoke concerning the relationship of the board to the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M. The report was adopted as follows:

MISSION BOARD REPORT.

Leaders in all walks of public life state that only a spiritual awakening can bring order and peace out of the struggle and chaos of our world. That men are seeking spiritual answers to their perplexities is evident in every land. Our churches should be meeting this challenge. We are not doing so only because of a lack of funds and personnel.

May we look at the work of our American Board in the foreign mission fields—

THE NEAR EAST.

In Greece, Syria, and Turkey, American personnel are still the key to our witness. We need salaries for permanent families and we need to find well-trained,

dynamic, devoted Christians for permanent service. We need also buildings, and continuing hope and renewed zeal.

THE MISSION OF FELLOWSHIP TO EUROPE.

This fellowship is a two-way bond between European and American churches. Mission of Fellowship to Europe will include all the projects in continental Europe of Congregational Christian agencies, American Board activities in Greece, the C.C.W.V.R. and C.C.S.C. relief and rehabilitation program in England, Germany and Italy, the joint American Board and Social Action undertakings in France and Greece, the ecumenically organized services to refugees and the ecumenically oriented work camps.

"More must be done in Europe than has been done" as the church bears witness. This is a real part of our Christian World Mission.

TRANSITION IN CHINA.

In 1948 there were 91 American Board missionaries in China. Between June, 1949, and January, 1950, the missionaries left China, a few at a time, until now (November, 1951) there are only three missionaries left in China and they are together at Tungchow, thirteen miles from Peking.

Of these 88 who have left China, 35 per cent have been transferred to seven other fields, 35 per cent have withdrawn to other work and 30 per cent have been retired. A few of the young missionaries are being kept available for possible future return to China.

Since December 16, 1950, the American Board has sent no funds to China. Funds designated for China, are being set aside in a China Opportunity Fund, pending the day when friendly relations are again established between China and the United States. Missionary residences in most stations are now occupied by government officials. The schools and hospitals have in most cases become nationalized institutions aided by grants from the government. The Chinese church is going through the valley of the shadow of death, but we have been assured by the executives of the Church of Christ in China that the real Christians will remain true to their faith. The church will be there, somewhere, when the present storm has subsided. Pray for it and for the Christians, keeping alive your faith in them and loyalty to them.

PACIFIC AREA MISSION.

Japan—Ten great Mission Boards in America together administer their program in Japan, working through the Council of Cooperation in Tokyo. By thus working unitedly, the contribution of each board in money and personnel doubles and trebles in effectiveness.

The International Christian University is the concern of all denominations. The American Board supports two faculty members and gives two annual scholarships of $500.00 each for teachers in our schools to study at ICU.

Micronesia—The American Board, with 8 missionaries, is responsible for all the Protestant mission work being done in five island areas, separated by hundreds of sea miles from each other.

We need here 6 new missionary families and funds to purchase *Morning Star VII.*

The Philippines—The Presbyterian and American Boards pool their appropriations and work cooperatively. It is expected that the Evangelical United Brethren and Disciples will join this union before this year is over. Five new families are needed in the Philippines to replace serious losses during the year, to teach at the College of Theology and at Southern Christian College.

India and Ceylon—The purpose is evangelism—the chief means is the church. The key to a strong church is leadership. This means missionaries. Increasingly it means nationals. Out of 45 major enterprises in India and Ceylon, 27 now have an Indian head. The Mission Board is grateful to the pastors and lay leaders of the Southern Convention who have caught the vision of the essential tasks of foreign missions.

Africa—The 1952 American Board budget provides for 14 couples and five single workers whose primary assignment is evangelistic work.

This year our foreign mission budget calls for $9,240.00 for India; $4,800.00 for Japan; $1,200.00 for Philippine Islands; $12,000.00 General Fund; $500.00 new projects; $1,200.00 Timothy Chang; $3,160.00 Administration. Total—$32,400.00.

May we take seriously our opportunity.

OUR HOME MISSION PROGRAM.

The need for church extension within our Convention is great. Growing communities everywhere need churches, additional building programs for established churches, and new churches in strategic places within our Convention. Within this biennium two new churches have been established in the Convention—Beverly Hills, Burlington, North Carolina, and Eutaw at Fayetteville, North Carolina. Our 1952 budget included some funds for new work at Harrisonburg, Virginia, Franklinton, North Carolina, and Siler City, North Carolina. The Mission Board feels it must make contributions to the following churches this year: Asheboro, Burlington—Beverly Hills, Burlington — Lakeview, Carroll County — Rocky Ford, Ebenezer, Fayetteville, Greensboro First, Greensboro Palm Street, Harrisonburg, Lee's Chapel, Liberty, Norfolk—Bay View, Norfolk—Second, Southern Pines, Asheville, Bailey's Grove, Big Oak, Belew Creek, Salem Chapel, Chapel Hill, Elon College, High Point, Kallam Grove, Mt. Bethel, New Lebanon, Mebane, Zion, Newport News, Siler City, Valley Conference and Winston-Salem.

Our Home Mission budget calls for $43,448.00 for Building Aid and Salary Aid, $3,860.00 for administration, $2,000.00 for our National Home Mission Board, making a total Home Mission budget of $49,308.00.

Grand total Home and Foreign Missions—$81,708.00.

In addition to this, we are being requested by the National Home Board to join in what they call "Our Number One Home Missionary Opportunity." That of matching the incredible expansive thrust of our nation with an equally dynamic outreach and evangelistic dedication on the part of the Christian fellowship. The rapidity of expansion of our population has confounded the experts and forced a rethinking of America's future. Some of this increased population can be served by existing churches, much of it, however, is concentrated in newly developed areas and in brand new communities where there are no churches at all. Allowing a minimum rate of one church to every 5,000 of new population, Protestantism faces the task of providing 6,600 new churches during the next decade The Congregational Christian fellowship represents one-thirtieth of the Protestant strength of our country. Our share is thus 220 new churches.

We must share in this nation-wide church extension program. Those of us who heard Dr. Truman B. Douglass on his recent visit to our Convention, felt committed to a share in this national undertaking.

That the church may bear witness—my friends of the Southern Convention, we must share more of our dollars. May we do just that during this biennium.

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

JANUARY 1, 1950, TO DECEMBER 31, 1951.

	Beginning Balance	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	*Ending Balance*
Home Missions	$ 4,249.11	$ 83,466.68	$ 84.890.10	$ 2,825.69
Foreign Missions, and Relief and Reconstruction	1,477.86	62,874.47	63,526.41	825.92
Totals	$ 5,726.97	$146,341.15	$148,416.51	$ 3,651.61
Less Bank Loans		12,350.00		
Net Contributions		$133,991.15		

SOURCE OF RECEIPTS.

	For Home Missions	*For Foreign Missions and Relief and Reconstruction*
Apportionment	$ 38,803.66	$ 38,997,91
Individuals and Miscellaneous	1,634.41	219.96
Woman's Board and Young People	15,758.61	18,802.66
N.C.-Va. C.M.A.—Lynchburg Property	11,000.00	.....
N.C.-Va. C.M.A.—Brookwood Lot	2,300.00	.....
Bank Loans	12,350.00	.....
Greensboro, First Church, "Anthony Fund"	1,620.00	3,100.00
Relief and Reconstruction	.....	1,753.94
Totals	$ 83,466.68	$ 62,874.47

For the official record of the Convention, it should be noted that the books of the Mission Board show that for the above period, home mission aid has been paid to the following churches:

Salary Aid—$21,928.70: Belew Creek-Salem Chapel, Biscoe, Burlington—"Beverly Hills," Carroll County (Elk Spur-Rocky Ford), Chapel Hill, Elon College Community, High Point, Lynchburg, Mebane, Pleasant Ridge-Spoon's Chapel-Union Grove, Seagrove-Shady Grove-Ether, Siler City, Sophia-Bailey's Grove, Union (So.), Norfolk—"Bay View," Virginia Valley—Pastorates Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5; Winston-Salem, Zion, Fayetteville—"Eutaw Community," Asheville—"First."

Special Aid—$2,325.43: Richmond, Western N. C. Conference, Asheboro, Portsmouth — "Elm Avenue," Fayetteville — "Eutaw Community," Burlington — "Beverly Hills."

Building Aid—$46,564.05: Burlington—"Brookwood" (lot); Zion (N. C.-Va.); Carroll County (Elk Spur parsonage); Burlington—"Beverly Hills" (parsonage and parish house); Franklinton (parsonage); Hank's Chapel (parsonage); Concord (N. C.-Va.); Greensboro—"First" and "Palm Street"; Norfolk—"Second"; Sanford; Windsor; Union (So.); Liberty (W. N. C.—parsonage); Asheboro (lot); Gibsonville; Southern Pines.

For the same period, the Board forwarded to The American Board and to Relief and Reconstruction, Boston, Massachusetts, the sum of $53,860.04 for the world mission of the church. The amount of $3,892.55 was forwarded to the Board of Home Missions for missions in the U. S. A. and Puerto Rico (does not include other receipts to BHM for the Division of Ministerial Relief from the Board of Superannuation).

During the biennium, five Christian nationals have blessed us with their presence while studying in our country. Of these—Silas Chang, Shaowu, China, Masuo Takanaka of Japan, and Prakash S. Bhonsle of India, were brought to America with funds from the Cora Anthony Trust Fund and First Church, Greensboro. Timothy Chang of Shaowu, China, is being supported during his training here by the Life Membership and Memorial funds of the Woman's Missionary Convention. Jose Dabuet of the Philippines, is being supported by the Youth Fellowship of the Convention.

Special tribute is due our Reidsville Church in its continued support of three missionaries in addition to the regular foreign mission giving. Their missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. R. C. H. Mueller of India, and Miss Harriet Summerville of West Africa.

Two new churches have been organized during the biennium: Burlington, "Beverly Hills," and Fayetteville, "Eutaw Community." The Beverly Hills church was made possible largely through the generosity of Mr. D. R. Fonville, the late Miss Sadie V. Fonville, and Burlington, "First Church." A parsonage and parish house have been ocmpleted on a spacious lot, and the work is growing. In Fayetteville, Mrs. Florence L. Rogers generously donated a spacious building site in the heart of a new residential section of that growing city, and under the leadership of Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner, a promising work has been begun.

The Second Church, Norfolk, Virginia, under the leadership of Rev. J. Everette Neese, has relocated in a large new residential community of approximately 1,800 homes. A new building has been completed and the work is growing.

A building site in the Brookwood section of Burlington has been purchased through the cooperation of the N. C.-Va. Conference Missionary Association for future development of a new church there.

Mr. C. R. Faucette of our First Church, Burlington, has donated a spacious lot in the Lakeview community near Burlington, where a new church will be organized in the near future.

Commendation is due the Christian Temple, Norfolk, for generous contributions to Bay View and Second Churches toward their building program. The Christian Temple, along with Burlington, "First Church," point the way that other of our established churches might well take in aiding new and promising fields in need of assistance.

The Board aided and takes pride in the growth of Union (So.), near Franklin, Virginia, and their new plant completed during the past year; in the erection of Zion's first unit; in Concord's (N. C.-Va.) new edifice; Greensboro, "First" and "Palm Street"; Sanford; Gibsonville and Windsor. Hank's Chapel and Liberty Churches have completed new parsonages, and the Elk Spur parsonage has been modernized with the help of the Board.

Our churches in the Virginia Valley Central Conference, aided by the Board on salary of pastors for several years, have made commendable progress toward self-support. The same is true of our Winston-Salem and Asheboro churches. Bailey's Grove, located on the northern edge of Asheboro and in the midst of a growing community, takes on great promise. Several other points aided by the Board have come to self-support. It is the aim of the Board to help the churches to come to a full-time, self-supporting program as rapidly as possible.

The members of the Board are troubled that limited funds prevented undertaking other new work and the development of several promising fields. The rapid growth and great shift of population in our area and throughout our nation demand that we do a better job of church extension. We earnestly hope that additional funds may be available to do a job in keeping with our faith in the Living Christ and His Church.

We should prove ourselves ungrateful to our denomination if we failed to give acknowledgment to the Church Building Department of our Board of Home Missions of New York, and its Secretary—William Kincaid Newman—and to Curtis Schumacher, financial advisor. They have given assistance both materially and spiritually. Our Church Building Department faces the need of additional capital funds for the purpose of aiding our churches throughout the nation in building programs. It is possible that a campaign for such funds will be authorized at the approaching session of the General Council. It is hoped that if such an effort is undertaken, our churches of the Convention will give their generous support. The City Work Department of the Board of Home Missions is also sharing with our Board in aid to our church at Asheville and the new work at Fayetteville.

The need for the effective presentation of the Gospel in our homeland may be multiplied many times as we look at our tragic world—sin-sick, afraid, hungry, ill, in body and soul. The Church has brought hope and healing in the past, and her Christ is still the only hope of the world. Our witness unto all the world through our 400 American missionaries and 8,000 native Christian workers can be multiplied by the increased gifts we are able to make.

No longer is it "Home" or "Foreign" Missions that should claim our concern, prayers, our sons and daughters, and our material gifts. It is in "one world" that we live. We shall as a local community, nation and world either live together in Jesus Christ, or we shall surely die together in our denial of him. He is our peace, our hope, and not ours alone but of the whole wide earth. May the churches of the Southern Convention not fail to bear the witness with power!

WM. T. SCOTT,
Executive Secretary.

Dr. Vere V. Loper addressed the Convention on the theme: "Where the Light Breaks Through."

The Convention adjourned for lunch at 1:00 o'clock. The benediction was given by Rev. R. A. Whitten.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Stevens called the Convention to order at 2:00 p. m. Rev. Silas E. Madren led in prayer.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman, reporting for the Business Committee, made the following recommendations which were adopted:

1. That we hear the Report of Elon College following the address of Dr. Robert Lee House.

2. That time be given this afternoon to hear a report on the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

3. That we recommend the scope of the O'Kelly Memorial Foundation be enlarged to cover the Historical Room at Elon College and Old Lebanon Church in Virginia and that the matter be referred to the Executive Board for implementation.

4. That we approve the recommendations of the Superintendent's Report.

5. That the following motion as presented by Dr. A. D. Stauffacher, Minister and Executive Secretary of the Missions Council be approved:

> That The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., assembled in its Biennial Session, April 29-May 1, 1952, approve the proposal to raise a substantial addition to the Church Building Loan Funds in terms of the proposed recommendation to the General Council at Claremont and authorizes its Executive Board to implement this vote of this Convention in whatever ways it may deem wise and necessary to assure the success of the undertaking.

6. That time be given on Thursday morning, following report of Superintendent's home, for a report on Moonelon.

The following reports were presented for consideration, action to be taken on Thursday morning:

Report of the Woman's Missionary Convention—Mrs. W. B. Williams.
Report of the Laymen's Fellowship—S. H. Pell.
Report of the Pilgrim Fellowship—Warren Matthews.
Report of the Committee on the Ministry—Dr. F. E. Reynolds.
Report of the Ministerial Loan Fund—Dr. John G. Truitt.
Report of the Ministerial Scholarship Fund—Rev. W. J. Andes.
Report of the Social Action Committee—Dr. R. L. House.
Report on *The Christian Sun*—Dr. Wm. T. Scott.

Dr. Robert Lee House, editor of THE CHRISTIAN SUN, addressed the Convention.

The report on Elon College was presented by President L. E. Smith and, pending its adoption, Dr. Wm. T. Scott spoke on "Apportionments for the College" and Rev. W. Millard Stevens spoke on "The Sustaining Fund." It was moved to adopt the resolutions contained in the report. A motion to amend the report by deleting item No. 3 relating to the discontinuance of free tuition scholarships to full-time Christian workers other than ministerial students was presented and, on the question being put, was carried. A motion to adopt the report as amended was voted.

ELON COLLEGE BIENNIAL REPORT.

In directing our attention to the necessity of Christian education in a changing age it is well that we remind ourselves of certain historical facts and evident trends in the field of higher education today. Seventy-five to one hundred years ago a dual system of education obtained in European countries as it obtains in our country at present. What we mean by a dual system of education is our land grant or tax-supported institutions and our privately endowed or church-related colleges. In Europe as the state multiplied its support it naturally increased its authority over the state supported colleges. This continued through the years until eventually practically all of the privately endowed or church-related colleges disappeared from the scene. Germany and Russia are conspicuous examples. These conditions created a Hitler, a Stalin and others.

Fifty or seventy-five years ago in America all leading denominations had their academies or institutes to which children of high school age were sent for training. At that time, if not before, these denominations also started their colleges and opened their doors for the training of the young people of the homes of their churches and other young people, guaranteeing to them opportunities in the field of higher education under moral and religious influences. The state with tax money, began to build a system of secondary education for all young people of high school age. The public school system has grown, the academies and institutes have disappeared, and the state holds undisputed pre-eminence in the field of secondary education up to the college level. Our dual system of education in America is in the twilight of the eclipse that descended upon higher education in Europe a half century and more ago. The state and the federal governments are constantly and decisively increasing their appropriation for the support of higher education in this country and resultantly and eventually will increase its authority over the entire curriculum of higher education in our country.

Beyond question the privately endowed college has made a significant contribution to the development of our resources, human and material. They have been the sustaining source of American democracy. They have contributed significantly to the American way of life and to freedom in every field of human endeavor. It would be a dark and dismal day should the force and contribution of these institutions pass from the field of higher education and the total training of our young people fall into the hands of the state to become dominated by unscrupulous politicians.

The time has come, the day is here, when the church with its resources, and in its passion for the truth and spiritual might, must dedicate itself to the cause of Christian higher education anew, and serve notice that with its resources and by the Grace of God it will assure to the present generation of young people, and the generations yet to come, the preservation of the type of education that has made its contributions, not only to the cause of education, but to the Cause of Christ as well, and made for freedom in all walks of life. The church must show these young people that these schools shall not pass from the field of higher education but shall endure to serve for all time.

These are facts and trends that we of the Southern Convention must face and should consider in all seriousness. Sixty-three years ago, with a love for their church, with a passion for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and with a determination to provide proper facilities for the training of the youth of our church and others, they arose, and out of their comparative poverty, put their meager offerings on the altar and built for our church in that far away day an institution of higher learning. We are confronted today with the questions, do we realize what they did? Have we considered what these acts of devotion and sacrifice have meant to our church, its growth, its development, its future? Are we, in our comparative financial ease, in comparison to their comparative poverty willing and ready to give out of our abundance that the institution founded in faith and poverty may be given its needed financial and spiritual support, that it may embark anew on the high mission that was determined for it by its founders?

It is imperative that the denominations in our country sponsoring church-related colleges increase their economic support of these colleges. We of the Southern Convention cannot begin to estimate the total contribution of Elon College to our church,

its institutions, boards, and departments. Increased interest and increased financial support are mandatory that the college may continue its services so necessary to the life and progress of our denomination.

During these more than sixty years Elon College has had its financial difficulties as well as its material successes. Through want and plenty it has persevered and today it takes its place in the forefront in the field of Christian higher education together with other small privately endowed colleges in this country.

I. *Student Enrollment*—Elon College is supported largely by student tuition and fees. An enrollment of 700 college students is required to provide funds for the present budget of the college. When the enrollment drops, there is a corresponding drop in college funds The total expense of a boarding student is $720; for a non-resident student $295. The present enrollment for the year is about 600. Operating expenses are about the same for 600 students as for 700. These facts present the college with a serious financial problem.

II. *Instructors*—There are forty men and women employed as instructors in Elon College. These are all qualified to instruct from the standpoint of training, experience, and church affiliation. There are 10 with Ph.D. degrees, 26 with M. A. degrees, and four with A. B. degrees. Seven have completed resident requirements for Ph.D. degrees. Salaries range from $2,400 for instructors to $4,700 for full professors for nine months' service for an average of $3,480. This represents a part of the college monthly payroll that must be met at the first of each month.

III. *Buildings and Improvement*—During the past biennium the college has erected no new buildings. It has been compelled to make considerable repairs. The steam and water lines that have been underground for years have begun to give way. This has proven a tedious, difficult, and expensive repair job. Whitley auditorium has been completely renovated and redecorated. The auditorium, which was by far the greatest part of the cost, was paid for by the Woman's Missionary Thank Offering at a cost of $3,666.66. The college and the church are indebted to the ladies of the Convention for the job well done.

IV. *Finance*—1. Budget—From 1932 to 1935 the operating budget was $86.000. This did not include groceries for the dining room but it did include faculty salaries, campus labor, heat and electric bills. We found it impossible to meet this budget. Beginning with 1935 the budget began to increase. The student body increased. From 1935 to the present date the college has operated on a balance budget. We shall doubtless be able to meet ordinary demands until June 1. Since the college pays faculty salaries on a twelve-month basis, twenty-five per cent of these salaries for 1951-52 will be due. At present there is no possible means of meeting these financial obligations during the summer months unless the church, through the Sustaining Fund and Conference Apportionments will give assistance. If, through these two funds or other sources, $50,000 could be raised in full by September 1, we would have a chance of meeting these financial demands. I am sure that if the church fully realized the actual condition of the college and possible consequences that every individual and every church would make special efforts to do its part.

2. Endowment—By strenuous and scrupulous efforts the endowment funds of the college that had been pledged to creditors on college obligations were salvaged. A total of $231,000 represented the total assets of the endowment funds in 1931-32. In 1942 the college debts were all paid and these funds returned to the college. Actions were taken to guarantee that these funds, or any other permanent funds of the college, would never again be pledged as collateral for loans. Today endowment funds total $472,000 book value. Actual value would exceed $500,000.

3. Invested Funds—Out of the current funds of the college and from other sources the college has more than $300,000 in invested funds, faculty houses, veterans' apartments, building and loan stocks and industrial stocks. From these particular investments the college receives an annual income of more than $25,000.

4. Debt—In 1947 the General Alumni Association of the College undertook to build a gymnasium and to raise funds to pay for same. The association ran into financial difficulties. The college assumed the balance due. In 1949 the college paid $20,000 out of its current funds on the gymnasium debt. A balance of $68,000 is due on the gymnasium as of this date.

V. *Needs*—Anyone familiar with Elon College is aware of its various and varied needs. To list these needs would be difficult. Yet there are specific needs on the campus that are discernible even by a casual visitor.

1. Dining Room—In 1942 the college dining room, together with every article of equipment, was completely destroyed by fire. A temporary kitchen was built on the east side of the Mooney Christian Education Building. The YMCA and YWCA social halls were used as dining rooms. During the distribution of war surplus properties, Elon College was fortunate to secure from the government a dining room and cafeteria equipment. These have been quite acceptable as temporary equipment only. During the fall of 1951 the kitchen, with all of its equipment, was again destroyed by fire. The dining room was damaged but not extensively. The kitchen has been replaced with another temporary building and furnished with permanent equipment. This was completely covered by insurance. At present we are feeding our students in temporary quarters. A self-respecting institution, as our college is, must be provided with adequate facilities for such vital and essential service.

2. For years and years we have been talking about new dormitories, emphasizing this need and appealing to the church, alumni, and friends for funds with which to provide these facilities. We need very badly a minimum of one new dormitory for girls and one for boys.

3. Funds for current expenses—The Convention has authorized that $15,000 be allocated to the college as a part of the conference apportionment for the support of the college. Not in the history of the institution, I believe, has the full amount been raised and turned over to the college. Steps should be taken to keep this action of the Convention before our conferences and churches. At the last session of this Convention a provision was passed for additional support for the college by the churches, to be known as the Elon College Sustaining Fund. In this action the Convention called on all of our churches to undertake to raise a minimum of $1 per member annually for the ensuing biennium. This effort was not entirely successful but the funds raised meant a great deal to the college and kept it out of the red for 1951-52. The total amount raised was $12,057.87.

4. Scholarship Funds—Years ago all the conferences of the Convention, with the exception of the Eastern Virginia Conference, pooled their Ministerial Funds and put them in the hands of the Treasurer of the college to be administered by a committee to ministerial students needing financial assistance other than free tuition scholarship given by the college. This loan fund has served a good purpose but repayment of loans has been poor. On May 1, 1946, the Southern Convention, in biennial session at Waverly, Virginia, authorized the college to grant free tuition scholarships to all full-time Christian workers. During those years considerable money has been contributed to such students. This doubtlessly has meant much to individual students, but full-time Christian workers after graduation from college have not materialized.

In addition to scholarships for ministerial students there are a number of other students who are clamoring for assistance and must have additional financial assistance if they are to continue in college. Many other colleges have large scholarship funds to aid such students. There is a growing demand for such funds at Elon College. We have some friends who are interested in establishing such funds, the income from which to be given or loaned to worthy students. We should encourage contributions for a fund of this kind.

5. Grants—On May 1, 1946, the Southern Convention at Waverly, Virginia, authorized the establishment of a fund for grants to ministerial students. The Convention should clarify its position as to what type of students should receive grants from this fund; whether for those preparing to be pastors, missionaries, or teachers, and should anyone receive this grant and fail to perform the function pledged when the grants were made, repay such funds. Are these funds to be granted to students for undergraduate studies, seminary or university students, or any or all?

6. The Two-Million Dollar Campaign Fund—In 1946 the Southern Convention at the request of the Trustees of Elon College, authorized the college to launch a campaign to raise one million dollars for buildings, improvements, and endowment. In 1948 it was evident that the one million dollars would not be sufficient to meet the needs of the college, and again at the request of the college the Convention authorized

the college to increase the goal of the Convention to Two Million Dollars, this amount to be secured for the college over a period of ten years, beginning in 1946.

We have now passed the half-way mark in time. We have also passed the half-way mark in funds. Up to the time we began to intensify the campaign with the hope of completing this effort a total of $996,000 had been received in cash and pledges; since then we have secured in cash and pledges a total of $181,300, making a grand total of $1,177,300 in cash and pledges to date. I should say that $50,000 of this amount, $24,000 of which is in cash, is being held at the request of the donors with the hope that additions may be made to this amount for a new dining room.

Now it is evident that two million dollars will not be sufficient for the barest needs of the college. The Board of Trustees of the college is requesting the Convention in this session to authorize an additional $250,000, making the total goal of $2,250,000. The campaign is to be completed and money paid by January 31, 1956.

This is a big undertaking for our people, but we are able and if we have the courage to put first things first we shall succeed. Some can give more generously than others, but all who earn can and should contribute something. We shall need gifts in the following amounts:

			Pledges Received
1—	$20,000,00 annually for 5 years	$100,000.00	0
2—	10,000.00 annually for 5 years	100,000.00	1
4—	5,000.00 annually for 5 years	100,000.00	0
5—	3,000.00 annually for 5 years	75,000.00	2
10—	2,000.00 annually for 5 years	100,000.00	2
15—	1,000.00 annually for 5 years	75,000.00	6
20—	500.00 annually for 5 years	50,000.00	3
50—	250.00 annually for 5 years	25,000.00	2
50—	100.00 annually for 5 years	25,000.00	14
100—	50.00 annually for 5 years	25,000.00	2
200—	20.00 annuallly for 5 years	20,000.00	7
10,000—	12.00 annually for 5 years	600,000.00	0

The above would make a total, in pledges, amounting to $1,295,000.00.

The minimum contribution for alumni and members of the church should be $1 per month for five years. Most any wage earner can contribute this amount. We are in the process of forming a nation-wide organization by which every individual church member, alumnus and friend of Elon College shall be approached and given an opportunity to contribute to this worthy and appealing cause.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That this Convention, through its office and Superintendent, direct that more emphasis be given to the needs of the college and the necessity of each church raising its full apportionment for the college.

2. That the Convention continue the Sustaining Fund for the support of the college and that in the interest of economy a sustaining fund committee be set up in each conference for the implementation of this action of the convention.

3. That the Convention authorize and direct the college administration to give publicity to the need of a general scholarship fund, encourage, and solicit contributions for this cause for Elon College. All contributions to this fund to be a part of the permanent funds of the college; only the income to be for loans or grants to students in Elon College.

4. That the Convention authorize the college to increase the goal of its present campaign by $250,000, making a total goal of $2,250,000 and that we call upon every member of our church to make a personal and liberal contribution to our college.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. D. N. Vore, chairman of the committee as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The nominations for the offices of The Southern Convention are as follows:

President—W. Millard Stevens.
Vice-President—Jesse H. Dollar.
Secretary—Henry E. Robinson.
Assistant Secretary—Fred P. Register.
Treasurer—George D. Colclough.
Assistant Treasurer—Bookkeeper employed by Personnel Committee.
Superintendent—Wm. T. Scott.
Historian—
Editor, The Christian Sun—Robert Lee House.
Managing Editor, The Christian Sun—John T. Kernodle.

Nominations for the Executive Board are as follows:

(1) *Conference Representatives*—Class of 1956: E. N. C., Fred P. Register; W. N. C., S. H. Pell; N. C. & Va., John Robert Walker; E. Va., Mills E. Godwin, Jr.; V. Va., E. J. Rohart. Class of 1954: E. Va., H. S. Hardcastle; N. C. & Va. (to fill vacancy of Robinson), W. E. Wisseman.

(2) *Members-at-Large Representatives*—Class of 1954: K. T. Rothgeb, Luray, Va.; Class of 1956: Mrs. Jack Nurney, Suffolk, Va.

(3) *Board and Auxiliary Representatives*—Class of 1956: Mission Board, Mrs. John G. Truitt; Woman's Board, Mrs. W. B. Williams; Youth Fellowship, Phillip Mann.

The nominations for the Mission Board are as follows (one remaining vacancy in Class of 1956):

Class of 1954: A. H. McIver, H. S. Hardcastle, Will B. O'Neill. Class of 1956: Stanley C. Harrell, Richard L. Jackson, James H. Lightbourne, Jr., R. E. Newton, Mrs. John G. Truitt, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Woman's Convention—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

The nominations for the Board of Christian Education are as follows:

Class of 1954: L. E. Smith. Class of 1956: H. P. Bozarth, Lanson Granger, Jr., W. A. Grissom, Richard L. Jackson.

The nominations for the Board of Publications are as follows:

Class of 1956: S. E. Madren, W. W. Snyder, Clyde Fields.

The nominations for Trustees of the Christian Orphanage are as follows:

Class of 1958: Mrs. J. H. McEwen, D. L. Boone, L. E. Carlton, T. W. Walton, I. H. Vickery.

The nominations for Trustees of Elon College are as follows:

Class of 1958 (12 to be elected): W. H. Boone, M. D., Dr. D. Boone, J. Allen Kimball, Rex Powell, Thad Eure, A. C. Moore, Russell J. Clinchy, R. A. Barrett, Clyde W. Gordon, Harvey Jeffries, C. W. McPherson, J. Robert Walker, W. B. Truitt, Wallace Truitt, B. D. Jones, Jr., M. D., Darden Jones, D. D. S., Mrs. T. W. Chandler, Mrs. Jerry Strader, B. E. Jordan, J. C. Wilkins, M. D., A. H. McIver, R. A. Larrick, Walter Wilkins, H. B. Newman.

Class of 1956 (3 to be elected): John Robert Kernodle, M. D., George D. Underwood, Floyd Turner, W. Hunter Scott, J. E. Baker, Harry W. Lee.

The nominations for Trustees of O'Kelly Memorial Foundation are as follows:

Class of 1956: Miss Margaret Hall, Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Kenneth D. Register.

The nomination for Custodian of Church History Room at Elon College is:

Mrs. Oma U. Johnson.

DUANE N. VORE, *Chairman.*

Committee: Duane N. Vore, S. H. Pell, W. E. Wisseman, R. T. Grissom, R. E. Newton.

On motion, the report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the election of the nominees. The secretary cast the ballot as instructed, and the president declared the nominees elected.

On motion, it was voted that the Executive Committee of the Executive Board be empowered to elect delegates to the General Council and that the president and superintendent certify their election.

The report of the Board of Superannuation was presented with the suggestion that it be voted on Thursday morning.

The report on the Christian Orphanage was presented by Dr. John G. Truitt, superintendent, and it was voted to receive the report and make it a part of the minutes.

REPORT OF THE ORPHANAGE.

During the biennium the Orphanage has cared for 104 children. In 1950, ten were sent to private homes, and in 1951, thirteen were sent to private homes. We closed the biennium with 80. Of these, four are less than six years old, 45 less than 12; and 31 are over 12 years of age. During 1951, 92 were cared for. There were 40 boys and girls at the close of 1951. Of these 25 were from broken homes, 15 mother dead, 39 father dead, and one both father and mother dead.

We prepared and served 177,982 meals during the biennium. Within the two years 90 children were confined to their bed for one day or more on account of sickness. This is considered a good record, as only two or three children have had serious illnesses. The children are served good food, for instance, they consumed during the biennium 57,200 quarts of whole A-grade milk furnished by the Orphanage dairy, and more than 5,000 dozens of eggs from the Orphanage poultry yard.

Making a home for 80 boys and girls means more than clothes and shoes for 80 children; means more than loads of laundry each week; means more than beds and rooms, and bathrooms, playrooms and study halls and furniture; means more than three meals every day and a place where they may be prepared and served. More than all this, it means that the lives and destinies of 80 children are being fashioned; their school being done; their faith in themselves, in God, and fellowman is being built; security and love and guidance are being given. It also means that the membership and friends of nearly 200 churches have been given the *joy of doing something* for a little homeless boy or girl.

Considerable business goes into making, furnishing, and maintaining such a home. A farm is operated, including a dairy, a sizable swine herd, a small beginning beef herd, a poultry yard, grain, hay, corn fields, gardens, and pastures. This takes management, and labor, and good business. With the high wage scale, it takes improved machinery, and the maintenance of the same. From the farm feed for around 55 head of cattle and cows, around a hundred hogs and pigs, and 250 hens were purchased, also much of the food for the Orphanage family—corn, beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, etc. Tabulation of all such food, and feed consumed, plus milk, pork, and grain sold, the farm last year—counting everything sold and consumed at current market value—reached a total of $33,454.02.

Public relations, administration, and general supervision amounts to considerable. Receiving, acknowledging and accounting for all funds requires careful attention. Letters of appreciation are sent to all contributors. There is purchasing of supplies, and paying for same; investigating applications, doing case-work and social service on scores of cases; filling vacancies on the staff of matrons; receiving children into the Orphanage family; answering and deciding on unnumbered questions posed by children and staff workers; and seeking to keep everybody happy and the house in order everywhere amounts to considerable. But it is a job with its rewards and joys, and happy is the man who sees the good cooperation and help of many, many friends. Your help shows you have hearts and minds of understanding, and that you desire to care for the orphan children whose hands are stretched out to you.

During the biennium a superintendent's home has been built at a cost of $22,000, much of which was provided by the Orphanage forest, and some by reduced prices on material purchased. A total of $10,000 was provided by a loan; the remainder by friends with special donations designated particularly for the purpose. None of it came from the regular funds and gifts of the Orphanage.

During the biennium fire escapes have been installed on the Baby Home; a new roof has been installed on the Johnston Hall; the rooms on the first floor of the Main Building, and some on the second floor have been repaired and redecorated; the milk house has been rebuilt; a large machinery shed has been built; a new tractor, a new truck, and a new hay baler have been bought; a new water tank has been installed; new pastures have been prepared and sown in ladino clover and fescue grass, and fences have been repaired and built.

During the biennium we collected in 1950 from farm, churches and friends $60, 506.27. During the year 1951 we received from farm, churches and friends $74,863.58. These figures include amounts received on the superintendent's home. Total for the biennium was $135,369.85. This includes the sale of milk, grain—oats, wheat and corn—hogs and cows. In the year 1951 although the drought shortened our milk production and our grain yield, we sold, included in the above 1951 figure, enough to amount to $8,817.02.

I wish to express my appreciation for your help, your kindness and your cooperation; also thanks to many friends beyond our Convention and membership who have helped; and finally thanks to the faithfuless and cooperation of our splendid staff of helpers. We pledge our best to you and to every child received into your Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. TRUITT,
Superintendent.

Rev. Carl R. Key, regional supervisor of CROP (the Christian Rural Overseas Program), was presented and told of the work of this organization.

The Convention adjourned at 5:00 p. m., with the benediction by Rev. Johnson Griffin.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Wednesday evening session was called to order by the president at 7:30. Dr. L. E. Smith presented the Elon College Singers under the direction of John Westmoreland, with Miss Laverne Brady as accompanist.

Professor F. E. Reynolds of Elon College conducted the worship service and introduced Dr. Russell Henry Stafford, president of Hartford Seminary Foundation, who delivered an eloquent address on "Tomorrow's Leaders."

An offering of $58.13 for the expenses of the Elon Singers was received.

The Convention adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Reynolds.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

President Stevens called the Thursday morning session of the Convention to order at 9:15. Rev. W. W. Snyder conducted the devotional service.

The report of the Historian was made by Dr. C. E. Newman and, on motion, was received and made a part of the record, with the understanding that any additional data which might be received later should also be recorded.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Circumstances have prevented plans being carried out to type certain historical data available to put in book form for our Church History room in the Elon Library. I hope that at sometime this will be completed.

At the 1950 session of this body, there was given a brief history of this Convention beginning in 1847 under the name of The Southern Christian Association, which in 1856 was changed to the General Convention of the Christian Church, South, and for the past sixty years we have carried on under the name of the Southern Christian Convention, and now the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.

At the close of the 19th century, fifty-three years after organization, in the face of disaster and discouragement, we were making progress. Our membership had increased three-fold. We numbered 10,000; our property value was $200,000. There was a growing interest in all our church enterprises. Our first foreign missionaries were at work in Japan. We owned and operated our own institution of higher learning. Our churches were being organized for more progressive work. At the dawn of the present century the work of the minister often extended over a vast area. Scarcely anything had been done to provide a home for the minister. In 1950, the 195 churches in North Carolina and Virginia were united into 97 pastoral units. There were 70 parsonages, and the greater number of these built in the two previous decades. The value of our church property was $4,300,000. Of this, $800,000 was in our parsonages. Adding to this the Orphanage and College property, it was six and one-half million. The average salary of the full-time minister is $2,500 and a home. The year 1949 was a banner year in material improvements. One hundred and sixteen churches spent $264,483 in improvements. We have eighty parsonages. The value of church property apart from the institutions of the Southern Convention is over six and a quarter million. Gain in 1951 over 1950 is nearly one million.

During the past two years we have received into our Convention three new churches. Rev. Thurman F. Bowers joined the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and recently brought with him his church, Calvary Christian of Greensboro, North Carolina, with one hundred and seventy-five members and property valued at $35,000. There are two hundred in the Sunday School. Two new churches were organized—Burlington, "Beverly Hills" and Fayetteville, "Eutaw Community." Several points are being considered for new church organizations.

One in a position to know the future prospects in the work of our Convention speaks most hopefully concerning the new earnestness and zeal on the part of pastors and members to emphasize evangelism and stewardship. Our churches in all phases of the work are being more thoroughly organized. The Woman's Convention has for several decades given a growing interest in the mission spirit of our church. The Youth Fellowship continues of greater value in the spiritual life and the training for service our young people. The Laymen's Fellowship as it grows in numbers and influence is opening up new vistas of service in the entire church.

The gift of Moonelon, near Elon College, for a Convention Center by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Burlington, N. C., will prove valuable in the work of our young people's conferences, especially. The gift constitutes twenty acres of land, a swimming pool, two buildings, a lake and other facilities.

With our increase in churches and membership, our growing wealth and increasing intelligence, together with the hundreds of young people trained as never before for good citizenship and for efficient service in the church, we can move on in confidence that the golden age of work of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches lies ahead of us.

C. E. NEWMAN, *Historian.*

The report of the Church History Room at Elon College was received with thanks to Mrs. Oma U. Johnson and made a part of the record.

CHURCH HISTORY ROOM AT ELON COLLEGE.

About twenty years ago the librarian of Elon College was faced with the realization that the College Library had a few items that were very valuable as Church History material. She realized more keenly that a great deal more material, even more valuable, could and should be assembled and preservd for all time.

Some effort was put forth to collect this material. Whereupon it was felt that it was very necessary that this material be stored in a safe place where it could be made available for use, but under strict supervision.

During the next fifteen years considerable amount of material was collected and placed in this room, and very roughly classified. Realizing this project could not be satisfactorily continued without giving it more time than could be spared from the regular work of the College Library, and not feeling justified in requesting this valuable material unless it could be properly cared for, the librarian discontinued her efforts to collect it, but gladly received such items as were sent to the library.

The matter of our Church History Room has been discussed at several meetings of the Convention and Conferences and also by many individuals. Everyone agrees that it is a very worthwhile project, and everyone would probably agree that it has been delayed too long already. Much of the most valuable material is being lost or destroyed every year—material that can never be replaced.

To mention only a few of the items in the room:

1. Early copies of *The Christian Sun* and *The Herald of Gospel Liberty*.
2. Early History of the Christian Church, arranged by Mr. W. E. McClenny.
   a. Copy of the minutes of the Eastern Virginia Conference, 1817-1860.
   b. Copy of the minutes of the N. C. & Va. Conference, 1828-1859.
   c. A short sketch of the Hstory of the Christian Conference in the Valley of Virginia.
   d. A short sketch of the Christians in Georgia and Alabama.
   e. An outline of the Southern Christian Association.
   f. A copy of the minutes of the Southern Christian Convention, 1856-1870.
   g. A brief sketch of Education among the Christians in the South.
   h. A copy of the early records of Holy Neck Christian Church in Virginia.
   i. A copy of the deed for the land upon which Old Lebanon Christian Church stood.
3. Personal Journal of Elder Christy Sine written in his own handwriting.
4. Almost complete file of the CHRISTIAN ANNUAL.
5. Bulletin of Graham Institute, 1859.
6. Bulletin of Graham High School, 1873.
7. Several cases of records from Dr. Atkinson's office.
8. Bibles and Song Books used in several Old Churches.
9. Some writings of James O'Kelly.

The Church History Room, although a prized part of the College Library, should be a great strength and a prized possession of the entire denomination, and especially of the Southern Convention. To become what it should and could, it will be necessary for the Convention to lend its sponsorship and aid.

Immediate Needs—Filing cabinets, book cases and display cases for storage; lesser items such as folders, envelopes, mending material, catalog material, etc.; a part-time custodian, who should be a person who is both vitally interested and familiar with the church and Convention. The duties of this person would be to acquire a copy of all publications of the denomination, of the programs of all important church meetings, all printed books and pamphlets about church leaders, watch the newspapers for church items of permanent value, classify and file all material, and prepare a catalog of it.

In its present condition, the material in the Church History Room is not adequately preserved, and in almost no order.

OMA U. JOHNSON, *Librarian.*

It was voted to receive for the Church History Room a bell from the Graham Collegiate Institute offered by Rev. Emory M. Carter, and a photographic cut of Suffolk Collegiate Institute offered by Mr. John T. Kernodle.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented by Dr. N. G. Newman and, on motion, it was received and made a part of the record.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. Samuel M. Johnson, a member of the N. C. and Va. Conference died February 4, 1951, aged 82 years. He had been retired for many years.

Rev. Ben Joe Earp of the Western North Carolina Conference was a native of Caswell County, N. C. He was a graduate of Elon College, and spent forty years in the Christian ministry. He served a number of churches in different conferences and did much hard work and fruitful service. His private life was marked by humility and sincerity; his ministry by earnest consecration, loyalty, and faithfulness. He died February 12, 1951, aged 63 years.

Rev. Herbert Scholz was of German descent. He was born in England and came to America when nine years of age. Later he became the foster son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Winborne of Wake County, N. C., by whom he was loved, reared, educated, and remembered in their will. He was one of the first three graduates of Elon College in 1891. He was a brilliant student, genial friend, and an exemplary character. Soon after graduation he entered the ministry and served a number of churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference. He was at one time pastor of the First Church, Norfolk, Virginia, where he did some excellent work. It was during this period he organized and fostered the South Norfolk Church, now one of the largest and best in the Eastern Virginia Conference. He died at Macon, N. C., in 1950 at the age of 83 years.

Rev. William Parkyn Jackson was a native of Canada and the son of a Congregational minister. He was educated in Canadian institutions and entered the ministry of the Congregational denomination in 1905. He served several churches in the North and came to North Carolina in 1938. He was pastor of the Asheville Church from 1940 to 1945. His chief interest and greatest service was in welfare work with the young. He died in Asheville, N. C., June 16, 1950, aged 77 years.

Rev. Jesse E. Franks of the Eastern North Carolina Conference was of ministerial descent. His grandfather and great grandfather were both ministers of the gospel. He was ordained in 1915 and spent 20 years in active and zealous labor in his conference, serving at one time nine churches. He was forced into retirement by the loss of voice and much of his time in the latter days were given to business. He retained his interest in the church and kingdom and rendered valuable service. The magnificent church plant at Catawba Springs, erected after the fire of 1946, is largely a monument to his energy and zeal. His private life was one of sincerity, integrity, and honor. His ministerial life was characterized by consercation, zeal, and fidelity. He died May 27, 1951, aged 82 years.

Rev. William Stanley Carne, a native of England, came to America about 40 years ago. He served churches in Spokane, Seattle, and Leavenworth, Washington; Gorman, Maine; Northfield, Mass.; and Elizabethtown, N. Y. He united with the Eastern Virginia Conference in 1947, and served the First Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, till his death. He was a good preacher and faithful pastor. His affable nature readily won friends and his dignified bearing and fine spirit reflected credit on the ministry. He died in Portsmouth, Virginia, April 1, 1952, aged 67 years.

Dr. Luther B. Grice came into our fellowship from the Baptists where he had served important churches in Chicago, Florida, and North Carolina. He freely expressed himself as happy in his new formed fellowship and manifested a genuine interest in the enterprises of the denomination. He united with the Eastern Virginia Conference in 1948 and served Holy Neck and Eure's Churches until his death in 1950. He was a good preacher, faithful pastor, and genial friend. He was a dignified Christian gentleman and was a credit to his calling.

Rev. Joseph Frank Morgan was a native of Moore County, North Carolina, and graduate of Elon College. He was ordained in the Western North Carolina Conference in 1911 and served churches in North Carolina for five years. He came to the Eastern Virginia Conference in 1916 and served the First Church, Norfolk, for six years. He also served in Winchester, Rosemont, the Second Church, Norfolk, and the Windsor,

Virginia, charge. In all of these he did excellent work. The humility and sincerity of his private life and his consecration, devotion, loyalty, and faithful service as a minister, made him a great spiritual power and one of the best loved ministers in his conference. He died at his home in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1951, after two and one-half years of great affliction and suffering.

N. G. NEWMAN, *Chairman.*

The Convention stood in silent reverence after which a prayer was offered by Rev. W. Millard Stevens.

Upon motion of Dr. W. E. Wisseman, chairman of the Business Committee, the Convention voted to reconsider its action on Wednesday morning with regard to the report of the Revisions Committee. Motion was then made, seconded and voted to adopt as a whole the report and recommendations of the Revisions Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHANGES IN CONVENTION GOVERNMENT.

The following are the recommended changes in the Government of the Congregational Christian Churches of the Southern Convention. They have been printed in *The Christian Sun* in accordance with the provisions of the rules of the Convention:

CHAPTER I.—CHURCHES AND MEMBERS.

SECTION I.

Congregational Christian Churches.

The first paragraph now reads:

In the union of the Congregational Christian Churches it is provided that each local church shall have the right to determine whether it shall use the name Congregational or Christian, or Congregational Christian to indicate its denominational status; and it is understood that the adherence to the name used shall, in no case, be construed as a lack of loyalty to the United Churches.

Changed to read:

In the merger of the Congregational and Christian Churches it is provided that each local church shall have the right to determine whether it shall use the name Congregational or Christian, or Congregational Christian to indicate its denominational status; and it is understood that the adherence to the name used shall, in no case be construed as a lack of loyalty to the denomination.

SECTION II.

Organization of Churches.

First paragraph now reads:

Those wishing to organize a new church within the bounds of the Southern Convention may use the form of organization set forth in the "Manual of Congregational and Christian Churches," by Dr. Charles Emerson Burton (1936 edition, pages 73-76), or the following:

Suggested change:

Those wishing to organize a new church within the bounds of the Southern Convention may use the form of organization set forth by the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, or the following:

Third paragraph now reads:

Those who have signed the agreement as set forth in the Manual referred to above, or as set forth in this section . . .

Suggested change:

Those who have signed the agreement above . . .

SECTION III.

Duties of Churches.

Fifth paragraph:

Every church should celebrate the Lord's Supper at least four times a year, preferably once a month.

Omit the phrase:

preferably once a month.

CHAPTER IV.—MINISTERS.

Section I, *Candidates,* reads as follows:

1. A candidate for the ministry in the churches of the Southern Convention shall make application to the Committee on the Ministry or similar committee of the Conference to which his church belongs.

2. Such candidate shall be of approved moral character and religious experience, shall give promise of ability to make suitable preparation, and shall be recommended by the church of which he is a member.

3. The Committee shall examine him as to his fitness and qualifications, and if he is accepted, shall have oversight of his training and preparation; and he shall report annually to the Committee. Failure to report, or to make satisfactory progress, shall be sufficient ground for dismissal from the roll of candidates.

4. All applications for aid from the Conference or Convention shall be presented through the Committee.

5. It shall be the duty of the secretaries of the Conferences to enroll the candidates for the ministry with the Secretary of the Convention, who will include their names in the Ministerial Directory of THE ANNUAL.

Change to include the following introduction to the chapter. Also make the following changes in Section I:

The ministry is the highest office in the Congregational Christian Churches. To it come the people who believe that God has called them to this specialized type of Christian service.

In the Southern Convention there are four divisions of the Christian ministry, each with its particular duties and responsibilities. A member of either group is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the ministry, limited only as stated in the following Sections.

1. Members of the Biblical Class (or "Candidates") are enrolled by Conference and are given the privilege of preaching wherever there is opportunity. Members may not serve as pastors of churches, but may work under the direction of an Elder.

2. A candidate must be a member of a church of the Conference in which he seeks membership, be recommended by his church, have good moral character, and show promise of becoming an effective minister.

3. Application must be made to the Coneference through the Committee on the Ministry. The committee will examine the candidate on his call to the ministry, his Christian experience, his knowledge of the Congregational Christian Churches, and his willingness and ability to pursue further training.

4. Candidates found worthy will be recommended to Conference in session, and if approved, will be directed in further education by the Committee on the Ministry.

5. Members will report to the Conference through the Committee on the Ministry annually. Failure to make report will indicate that the member no longer desires such standing, and he shall be dropped from the roll. Promotion from the Biblical Class to a Licentiate depends upon the progress made by the candidate.

Chapter IV, Section II.—*Licentiates.* 3. (b) now reads:

. . . his knowledge of the Principles and Government of the Convention.

Suggested change:

. . . his knowledge of the Principles and Government of the Convention and the organization of the denomination.

The phrase, "And the organization of the denomination," shall be added in a similar way in Section III. 3 and 5.

6. Now reads:

Only under emergency circumstances shall an Executive Board feel justified in granting licensure ad interim.

Change to:

Only under emergency circumstances shall an Executive Committee feel justified in granting licensure ad interim.

Section IV, *Local or Conference Pastors.* 1. Now reads:

In the case of persons not expecting to continue their education and who are not qualified for ordination as elders, but who testify to a call to preach and who are in respect to moral character and Christian experience well qualified, it is provided that they may be set apart as local or conference pastors and ordained as such.

Changed to read:

In the case of persons not expecting to qualify for ordination as elders, but who testify to a call to preach and who are in respect to moral character and Christian experience well qualified, it is provided that they may be set apart as local or conference pastors and licensed or ordained as such for one year.

2. Now reads:

Local or conference pastors shall have standing only in the conference or conferences ordaining them, and their standing in the conference shall be renewed annually.

Suggested that the word *shall* be changed to *may.*

3. Now reads:

If a local or conference pastor accept a call to a field within the bounds of another conference than that ordaining him, he shall forfeit his ministerial standing, unless by due procedure he secures like recognition and ordination from the other conference.

Suggested that the words, *and ordination*, be omitted.

It is recommended that the following be added to this section:

6. Local or conference pastors shall be expected to pursue a course of study as prescribed by the Committee on the Ministry.

CHAPTER V.—CONFERENCES.

Section I, *Membership,* 2. now is as follows:

Every church shall have lay representation, and each Conference shall fix its own ratio, provided that each church shall have at least one delegate and that no church shall have more than four.

Suggested change reads:

Every church shall have lay representation, and each Conference shall fix its own ratio. However, it is recommended that each church shall be entitled to two delegates. Churches having more than 200 members shall have an additional delegate for each 100 members, or major fraction thereof, provided that no church has more than four delegates.

Section II, *Organization,* 3. Suggested that the following sentence be omitted:

"An appropriate address should be delivered by the president.

Section IV, *Business of Conference,* 3, through 17, now reads:

3. Conference may appoint the following standing committees: Executive, Ministry, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Evangelism, Social Service, Religious Literature, Stewardship, Moral Reform, Superannuation, Apportionments, Ministerial Ethics, Memoirs, Woman's Board, a Board of Trustees, and others when deemed advisable.

4. *The Committee on Ministry* shall be composed of elders; all questions and matters pertaining to candidates for the ministry shall be under their charge; applicants for licensure or ordination shall be examined by them; and all ministers applying for admission into the Conference shall be referred to them.

5. *The Committee on Home Missions* shall have charge of all matters pertaining to Home Missions within the bounds of the Conference.

6. *The Committee on Foreign Missions* shall keep in touch with and report upon the Foreign Mission interests of the Congregational and Christian Churches.

7. *The Committee on Christian Education* shall report on the general condition of Sunday School work within the Conference and shall make recommendations for its development, with special emphasis upon the promotion of Leadership Training. It shall also include Christian Endeavor and Pilgrim Fellowship in its program of promotion and development, seeking to enlist the cooperation of young people in every department of our Church. It shall include also the interests of higher education, especially as they are represented in Elon College.

8. *The Committee on Stewardship* shall seek to promote the emphasis upon systematic giving, and otherwise develop the latent powers of life and service in the denomination.

9. *The Committee on Moral Reform* shall report and act upon the cause of temperance and other matters affecting the public or private morals of church members.

10. *The Committee on Superannuation* shall bring to the attention of the Conference the actions of the Convention related to the support of the ministry and the provision for the care of the retired and infirm ministers and the widows of ministers. It shall also make recommendations to the Board of Superannuation of the Convention concerning appropriations for assisting retired ministers of the Conference and the widows of ministers.

11. *The Committee on Apportionments* shall make a report each year on Conference Apportionments for the local churches, indicating the various amounts to be raised.

12. *The Committee on Ministerial Ethics* shall report on any matters pertaining to the moral and spiritual standards for the ministry.

13. *The Committee on Memoirs* shall report suitable resolutions upon the death of ministers or Conference officials each year.

14. *The Committee on Evangelism* shall endeavor to intensify the spiritual life of the churches, to awaken a general evangelistic spirit among them, to furnish evangelistic information, and to suggest a program.

15. *The Committee on Social Service* shall suggest service programs for the churches, that the church may be the community center in ministering to the whole life of the membership.

16. *The Committee on Religious Literature* shall assist in circulation of the church organ, denominational publications, and recommend the best literature for the people.

17. *An Executive Committee* of three, two of whom shall be elders, the president of the Conference being chairman, shall be appointed to transact necessary business between sessions of Conference.

Beginning with 3, it is recommended that this section shall read as follows:

3. Conferences should appoint the following Standing Committees: Executive, Ministry, Missions, Christian Education and Literature, Evangelism, Stewardship and Apportionment, Social Action, Memoirs, and others when deemed advisable. A Board of Trustees should be elected, if required by state law, or as may be determined by Conference. The duties of these committees are as follows:

(a) *The Executive Committee,* two members of which shall be the president and secretary of the Conference. This committee shall transact necessary business between sessions of the Conference.

(b) *The Committee on Ministry* shall be composed of elders; all questions and matters pertaining to candidates for the ministry shall be under their charge; applicants for licensure or ordination shall be examined by them; and all ministers applying for admission into the Conference shall be referred to them. The committee shall promote the interest of the ministry.

(c) *The Missions Committee* shall have charge of all matters pertaining to Home Missions and Ministerial Relief within the bounds of the Conference; shall acquaint

the churches with the denominational work in Home Missions; shall keep in touch with and report upon the Foreign Mission interest of the denomination; and shall encourage adequate support for the missionary enterprise of the Conference, Convention and denomination.

(d) *The Committee on Christian Education and Literature* shall report on the general condition of Sunday School work within the Conference and shall make recommendations for its development, with special emphasis upon the promotion of Leadership Training. It shall also include Christian Endeavor and Pilgrim Fellowship in its program of promotion and development, seeking to enlist the cooperation of young people in every department of our Church. It shall include also the interests of higher education, especially as they are represented in Elon College. The committee shall assist in the circulation of denominational publications and recommend the best literature for the people.

(e) *The Committee on Stewardship and Apportionment* shall seek to promote the Christian principle in the acquisition and use of material possessions, time and talents; shall promote effective emphasis upon systematic giving for the support of the local church, Conference, Convention, and denominational program at home and abroad. The committee shall make a report each year on Conference Apportionments for the local churches, recommending the amounts to be raised by the churches for the enterprises of the Conference, Convention and denomination.

(f) *The Social Action Committee* shall study the moral, social and economic health of the local community, state, nation and world, and shall suggest courses of action on all such matters; shall seek to promote peace, brotherhood, temperance; shall seek to promote consistent Christian attitudes and action on the part of church members in particular.

(g) *The Committee on Memoirs* shall report suitable resolutions upon the death of ministers or Conference officials each year.

(h) *The Committee on Evangelism* shall endeavor to intensify the spiritual life of the churches, to awaken a general evangelistic spirit among them, to furnish evangelistic information, and to suggest a program.

It is recommended that paragraph 18, in this section, shall be omitted. It reads as follows:

18. *The Board of Trustees* shall hold in trust for the Conference and local congregations such deeds as may be entrusted to it, and serve in other official capacities having to do with material values.

Paragraphs 19, 20, 21 and 22, of this section, shall be renumbered as paragraphs 4, 5, 6 and 7, respectively. Otherwise they shall be unchanged.

CHAPTER VI.—THE CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II.—*Area.*

This article reads:

The area of the Convention shall be the territory served by the constituent conferences, namely: Virginia Valley Central, Eastern Virginia, Eastern North Carolina, Western North Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia.

It is suggested that the following phrase be added:

. . . ; and, or such others as authorized or recognized by the Southern Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Officers.*

Section 3 reads:

Election and Term of Office. At least three months before each biennial session, the Executive Board shall elect a Nominating Committee. This committee shall nominate all officers of the Convention, except the Superintendent, who shall be nominated by the Executive Board, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun,* who shall be nominated by the Board of Publications. Nominations may also be made from the floor for any office. Officers and Board members shall be elected to serve for the biennium unless otherwise designated, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Suggested change:

Election and Term of Office. All officers and Board members, except the Superintendent, who shall be nominated by the Executive Board, and the Editor of *The Christian Sun,* who shall be nominated by the Board of Publications, shall be elected by the Convention upon nomination of the Nominating Committee, but nominations for any office may also be made from the floor. They shall be elected to serve for the biennium unless otherwise designated, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 4, *Duties,* reads:

The Superintendent shall be a . . . He shall be a member ex-officio, without vote, of all Convention Boards and Committees, and of Boards of Convention Institutions.

Suggested change:

. . . He shall be a member ex-officio, without vote, of all Convention Boards and Committees, and of the Boards of Trustees of Elon College, the Christian Orphanage, and of the Boards of other Convention Institutions.

ARTICLE X.—*Boards.*

Section 2, *Mission Board,* reads:

Section 2. *Mission Board.* This Board shall work according to the purposes of its charter for the promotion of missionary activity among the churches, and shall serve as the Extension Division of the Convention. This Board shall be composed of eleven members, ten members elected by the Convention, five of whom shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, and one of whom shall be the president of the Woman's Board. This Board shall have representatives from all constitutent conferences.

Section 4, *Board of Superannuation,* reads:

Section 4. *Board of Superannuation.* This Board shall survey the needs and promote the adequate support for the Convention's retired and disabled ministers and their dependents. Its current funds shall be administered through the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches, the Board of Superannuation recommending beneficiaries for such grants. The Board shall endeavor to enroll all ministers of the Convention in the Annuity Fund of the denomination.

Suggested amendment, combine the two sections as Section 2, *Mission Board,* reading as follows:

Section 2. *Mission Board.* This Board shall work according to the purposes of its charter for the promotion of missionary education and activity among the churches and conferences. It shall serve as the Church Extension and Ministerial Relief Divisions of the Convention. In addition to its usual work for the interests of Home and Foreign Missions, it shall survey the needs and promote adequate support for the Convention's retired and disabled ministers and their dependents. Its current funds designated for Ministerial Relief (or Superannuation) shall be administered through the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches, and the Board shall designate a committee from its members to receive applications for, and recommend to the Board beneficiaries for grants from the National Board.

This board shall be composed of fifteen members, fourteen members elected by the Convention, seven of whom shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, and one of whom shall be the president of the Woman's Missionary Convention. As far as possible the Board shall have representatives from all constituent conferences.

Section 5, *Board of Publications* becomes Section 4. The last sentence reads:

. . . It shall be composed of five members, elected biennially by classes.

It is suggested that the last sentence shall read:

. . . It shall be composed of six members, elected in two classes.

Section 6, which concerns the Christian Orphanage and Elon College, shall become Section 5. It is recommended that the last phrase of the section, ". . . and shall report biennially to the Convention," shall be omitted.

Section 7. Add "and Institutions" in first line and omit "6" in second line. This section becomes Section 6.

ARTICLE XI.—*Committees.*

Section 2, *Special Committees,* sub-section b, reads:

b. *Nominating,* composed of five members appointed by the Executive Board at least three months before the regular session of the Convention. This committee shall make nominations of all officers of the Convention, and members of Boards, except those otherwise provided for.

Suggested change: The word "appointed," shall be changed to "elected."

BY-LAWS.

Section 6, *Executive Board,* reads:

The Executive Board shall meet in regular annual sessions in October and April, the exact time and place . . .

Suggested change:

The Executive Board shall meet twice each year, the exact time and place . . .

Section III, Subsection 2, reads:

A church found guilty of charges may be admonished, censured, or cut off from the Conference; but the sentence against a church should not involve members who protest against the offense with which the church is charged. A church cut off may be restored by repentance and application.

The competency of witnesses shall be determined by the court of trial in all cases.

Suggested change: Following the words, "the church is charged," the sub-section shall read:

. . . When a church is dismissed, the conference should claim title to the property in accordance with Chapter III—Local Church Property. A church which has been dismissed may be restored by repentence and application. The competency of witnesses shall be determined by the court of trial in all cases.

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This committee recommends that the Convention appoint a Revisions Committee to prepare the script for printing the revised *Manual* and to present the same to the Executive Board for approval and printing.

W. J. ANDES, *Chairman,*
F. C. LESTER,
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN.

The attention of the Convention was called to the illness of Dr. Wm. Moseley Brown of Elon College and of Rev. Park W. Fisher of Sanford, N. C., and the secretary was instructed to write letters of sympathy to these brethren.

The report on the Superintendent's Home was received and made a part of the records. It was stated that the balance due on the loan with the Building Society of the Board of Home Missions, New York, as of 2-17-52, was $5,525.

The report on Moonelon was presented by the chairman of the committee, Rev. H. E. Robinson, as follows:

REPORT OF MOONELON COMMITTEE.

A property located ¾ of a mile from Elon College, N. C., valued at approximately $35,000.00, consisting of 17 acres of land, a concrete swimming pool 40 x 120 feet, a lodge and a caretaker's dwelling, a pond of about three acres, and a right of way into the property were given last spring to the Southern Convention by Mr. and Mrs.

W. W. Sellers of the First Christian Church of Burlington. Electric current and city water service the property. Whereas the Convention has complete possession of the property and facilities, full possession will not accrue until 1954, as ¼ of the value is being turned over by deed each year. The wills of Mr. and Mrs. Sellers are written so as to provide that full ownership be given the Convention, in event of their death prior to 1954.

The donors have given these holdings for the purpose of developing a Conference Center for the youth of our churches. All the agencies of the Southern Convention shall have use of the property.

The Executive Board of the Convention accepted this property on behalf of the Convention, and appointed this Committee to handle the affairs of Moonelon, being responsible to the Convention. Under the direction of the Committee the following things have been done:

1. The property has been surveyed and lines established.

2. A student was employed during the Summer of 1951, who directed various work projects consisting of repairs, painting and cleaning up, and had general supervision of groups using the grounds.

3. Insurance of $4,000.00 has been put on the buildings.

4. A family is living on the grounds as caretakers.

5. Numerous groups have used the property for parties and picnics.

6. An additional four acres of land have been purchased at a cost of $500.00.

7. Preliminary plans for a central dining room and assembly hall, cabins, bath and toilet rooms have been drawn.

The Committee recommends that the following items be accomplished in the near future:

1. That a student worker be in charge of the property for the Summer.

2. That funds be collected from laymen's groups and other interested organizations and individuals for the purpose of paying the obligations incurred thus far and for further development suitable for young people's work.

a. The men of Union Church (N. C.) have already raised $125.00, and this may be a challenge to other groups.

b. In another report (Laymen's Fellowship) a capital sum of $25,000.00 is being proposed as a goal for the men of Convention to raise for Moonelon. We hope the Laymen's Fellowship will approve this undertaking and that the Convention will concur in it.

3. That Moonelon be incorporated and a Board of Trustees be elected by the Convention, in order that the Convention as a whole will not be liable in case of suits for damages that may occur on the premises.

About $2,000.00 is needed for present obligations and the Summer program.

H. E. ROBINSON, *Chairman,*
S. C. HARRELL,
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,
L. E. SMITH,
WM. T. SCOTT,
JOHN G. TRUITT,
G. D. COLCLOUGH,
Committee.

On motion, it was adopted and the Nominating Committee was instructed to nominate a board of trustees.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented by Dr. R. L. House and on motion was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The Prophet Amos cried out, "Let judgment roll down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream."

We call upon the churches of our generation to heed the prophets who pronounce judgments and call for refreshing streams of righteousness. The Church cannot be true to its historic mission without seeking to keep alive a social conscience. The Church in every generation must concern itself with the role of Christian principles in daily work. Our particular age has been threatened by such social evils as Universal Military Control, narcotics addiction, juvenile delinquency, corruption in private and public life. Our people would do well to study the U. S. Senate sub-committee's report on "Ethical Standards in Government."

Those who desire literature or speakers on the problems of alcohol should write to the Virginia Church Temperance Council, 311 W. Grace Street, Richmond, Va., whose motto is "Educate, Agitate, Legislate."

We urge that every church have a Social Action Committee, composed of level-headed, trusted, but progressive leadership.

One of the unavoidable social problems of our age is that of race relations. While the problem is not limited to the South, it is concentrated in the South. What, specifically, are we of the Southern Convention doing to improve race relations? The negative approach is totally inadequate. It is futile to go on simply denying charges that are hurled at us and denouncing those who propose reforms. We have a stewardship of influence to discharge. We may not be responsible for the pattern that has been set before us, but we are responsible for the part we play in this, our southern democracy.

Where can one who is interested take hold of this problem? How can one take a positive approach, alter undesirable patterns, and establish new ones? What can a church do in response to the biblical question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" If a church is genuinely disturbed about its sins of omission and commission, how can it begin to make amends? We of the South may not be able or willing to do all that our absentee specialists demand of us. We must do the minimum before we can do the maximum. The following proposals will not be acceptable to the idealist, but they do indicate an immediate point of departure:

1. Begin in the Sunday school with a program of teaching against intolerance, and explain Jesus' teachings about human brotherhood.
2. Observe Race Relations Sunday and make an offering for Franklinton Center.
3. Arrange for fraternal delegates at conferences and conventions; keep the door open for constant and friendly counsel on a Christian basis. Multiply interracial acquaintances. Substitute Christianity for Jim Crowism.
4. Seek to purify democracy at the grass roots. Urge fair play between races. Take your turn at the business counter or ticket window. Throw the weight of your influence against discrimination. Correct erroneous views concerning Negroes.
5. White churches can get acquainted, or better acquainted, with Negro churches in their community, especially the churches of our own denomination. Find common ground. Ascertain their needs. Remember, "The strong should bear the burdens of the weak." Assist them in times of difficulty or great undertaking. Take cognizance of their anniversaries, victories.
6. Study the problem. Report your findings and your achievements. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

R. L. HOUSE, *Chairman.*

Rev. Richard L. Jackson presented a motion in commendation of the Council for Social Action of the General Council which was seconded by

Dr. H. Shelton Smith. A motion to amend by adding "that we urge the Council for Social Action to be more uncompromising in working for peace" was offered. On motion that the whole matter be tabled, a division was called for and on standing vote the motion to table was passed by a 35 to 30 vote.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism and Spiritual Life was adopted and made a part of the minutes as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE.

Your Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life is happy to report that most of our pastors and churches place commendable emphasis upon the work of Evangelism and Devotional Life. We are convinced that the churches which place consistent emphasis on the Devotional Life are the churches which automatically lay the strongest emphasis upon the work of Evangelism—the recruiting of new witnesses for the faith and new members for the church.

We recommend that each church in the Convention, during the coming biennium, major in the work of Evangelism—each church using whichever method or methods that seem most practical for the particular situation they serve. For some churches, a comprehensive program of Visitation Evangelism will be of largest service; for others a Preaching Mission, for others a Membership Enlistment Campaign covering a definite period of time; for other churches a Revival Meeting may be what is needed. And in some churches, all the various techniques may be used to advantage.

But we feel that every church should recognize its responsibility in Evangelism; that every church should be "a recruiting station" for the Kingdom of God. We furthermore believe that the more churches and individuals appreciate and practice a sincere and intelligent Devotional Life, the greater will be their interest and activity in the work of Evangelism. Evangelism and prayer are inseparable.

Evangelism is not the responsibility of the pastor alone—it is the responsibility of every person whose name is on a church roll—the responsibility to recommend the Christian Way of Life and one's church to the non-church people of one's community. No professional revivalist can relieve any church or any pastor of the evangelistic responsibility which is theirs.

Naturally we must reckon with the fact that many of the churches of the Convention are far removed from each other, and the fact that no provision is made for expenses involved in calling together the chairmen of Evangelism from the various conferences for a two day's Evangelistic Seminar to plan together for a vigorous evangilistic promotion campaign throughout the Convention. But such provision needs to be made each year.

During the past biennium your Committee on Evangelism has provided evangelistic material from time to time for *The Christian Sun.* The chairman has given counsel on occasion to pastors asking for guidance in promoting their program of Evangelism in their local churches.

The chairman, at his own expense, had leaflets printed of his outline on "What the Church Has to Offer" and mailed them to all pastors of the Convention. These leaflets can be used to good advantage by the local church committees on Evangelism by placing the leaflet in the hands of prospective members.

We would further recommend that provisions be made for sending teams of two men each to the various conferences of the Convention for a two day's seminar on Evangelism and the Devotional Life during the early fall—pastors and church officials to be in attendance at these seminars, which should be for the purpose of presenting for intensive study and prayerful consideration the larger place Evangelism should have in all our churches during these critical times through which the world is now passing, and for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating and appropriating the various techniques and methods of evangelism most practicable for churches in contemporary life.

We would further recommend "The Pastor's Class" during the Lenten Season for preparing intermediate boys and girls for church membership. Many pastors have found such a class for adults also definitely rewarding.

ROY C. HELFENSTEIN, *Chairman,*
T. F. BOWERS,
J. H. ROUNTREE,
CLYDE L. FIELDS,
MRS. JACK SHOFNER,
O. D. POYTHRESS,
R. A. WHITTEN,
R. E. NEWTON,
FRED P. REGISTER,
MRS. R. L. HOUSE,
Committee.

The report of the Commission on Stewardship was adopted and made a part of the minutes as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP.

The need for courageous action on the part of individual Christians and the church at large has never been more apparent than now. As the greatest danger to our national life and progress is not from without, but from internal weakness, so, the greatest danger to the Church of Christ is that those of us who have its welfare in our grasp may fail to see the urgency of the times and adopt the attitude that we are doing as well as usual. We know, however, that the "usual" or "average" progress of the church is not a good criterion. The "average" is far below what the Christian conscience should accept as being even a reasonable portion of our duty and privilege.

We are happy to report that during the closing biennium there has been a noticeable increase in the practice of the Stewardship Life. Many individuals have shown concern and have given of their time and substance that the Convention program might keep its stride forward. It is to be remembered that these individuals are members of local churches, and that their influence at home has strengthened the home base. If we can continue to bring forth the fruits of Stewardship Living, we shall have less need to worry about Stewardship Giving, but few things bring forth a stronger desire for Christian living than the job resulting from Christian giving.

More churches, each year, are making better plans for their financial obligations and opportunities. They are, one by one, getting down to the serious business of planning budgets and holding institutes for the training of their canvassers, and are conducting successful Every-Member Canvasses. But the process needs to be speeded up While we are showing yearly increases in our gifts for all purposes, the average church is giving not more than half what it could, and would give, if proper methods of Stewardship Education were made available to it. Not to develop this potential in the thirty-five thousand members of the churches of our Convention is to willfully continue our plea of poverty and fail to give the support to our program of advancement and extension they so richly deserve.

Therefore:

1. As the best and wisest means to this desired end, we recommend that the Convention, at its 1952 session, take seriously the proposal of the Finance Committee that a Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism be elected and put on the field to give full time to the development of our spiritual lives and financial resources. Such a move would speed up the present gains in finances, and would be a means of restoring the spirit of Evangelism to our churches. That this evangelistic note needs to be restored is evidenced by the static situation which has concerned us for years, when the population of the area served has grown by thousands, and our membership has increased only by dozens—often showing a decrease.
2. The Stewardship Clinics for ministers sponsored last fall by the Convention and your Commission on Stewardship proved a great help to local churches and pastors. We recommend that these efforts be continued, and that pastors be urged to procure expert leadership to conduct Stewardship Institutes in

every local church in the Convention, and to take full advantage of the abundance of good literature for a year-round program of Stewardship Education in all types of churches.

3. Knowing that a great reservoir of untapped strength lies dormant in the laymen of our churches of the Convention. we recommend that the Laymen's Fellowship of the Southern Convention be asked to sponsor training institutes for the laymen of the five conferences of the Convention, challenging them with the need for their services and showing them a systematic way by which their talents and money can be used for the strengthening of their local church programs, and for the wider needs of the Fellowship.
4. Since Stewardship Living and Giving, like acceptance of Christ as one's personal Saviour, must begin with the individual, we recommend that each member of every church examine his own attitudes and actions in the light of his abilities and opportunities to be of greater service to his local church, and through it to the larger interests of the Convention and the world-wide fellowship of churches as they seek to meet the needs of mankind for Christ.

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Chairman,*
E. J. ROHART,
WILL B. O'NEILL,
W. T. MADREN,
W. A. GRISSOM,
TUCKER G. HUMPHRIES,
JAMES F. DARDEN.

The report of the Board of Superannuation was read and a motion was offered that it be adopted. A motion to amend by deleting the names of ministers and widows receiving aid was made but failed to pass. The report was adopted as presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION.

The Board of Superannuation receives its principal financial support from the apportionment and the Christmas offering. In addition to the current income, the Board holds the sum of $2,500.00 in an Investment Share Certificate No. 1967, dated July 23, 1949, in the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Burlington, N. C., made payable to The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, George D. Colclough, Treasurer. The interest on this certificate and the current income of the Board are forwarded regularly to the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches, New York. Pensions and emergency grants are made by the Division of Ministerial Relief upon recommendation of the Board of Superannuation.

During the calendar years of 1950 and 1951, our retired ministers and widows continued to receive much more than the amount the Southern Convention contributed to the Division of Ministerial Relief. Here is the picture for 1950 and 1951:

Total receipts by the Board for Superannuation and Christmas Fund, and disbursements to the Division of Ministerial Relief, $9,494.04. Total payments to pensioners of the Convention and in emergency grants, $17,235.00. Of this aid, $12,211.00 went to regular pensions: $7,890.00 to retired ministers, and $4,321.00 to widows of ministers. In addition, the sum of $5,024.00 was paid to our retired and disabled ministers, and ministers' widows from the Christmas Fund.

The following persons received aid during the years 1950 and 1951:

Ministers—D. P. Barrett, B. J. Earp (deceased), Park W. Fisher, Thomas J. Green, I. W. Johnson, Clyde O. Koon (illness), G. O. Lankford, D. R. Moffitt, J. F. Morgan (deceased), J. L. Neese, C. E. Newman, N. G. Newman, George Olejar (deceased), J. Q. Pugh (illness), Herbert Scholz (deceased), C. C. Thomas (wife's illness), R. L. Williamson.

Ministers' Widows—Mrs. J. S. Carden, Mrs. B J. Earp, Mrs. James L. Foster, Mrs. Luther B. Grice, Mrs. W. D. Howard, Mrs. J. W. Knight, Mrs. Frank H. Lewis,

Mrs. T. N. Lowe, Mrs. Ebbie Moffitt, Mrs. J. F. Morgan, Mrs. George Olejar, Mrs. Herbert Scholz, Mrs. Martha S. White, Mrs. W. C. Wicker, Mrs. L. L. Wyrick.

It may be plainly seen that we are falling far short in our gifts to Superannuation and the Christmas Fund. In the two-year period, our ministers and widows received $7,740.96 more from the Division of Ministerial Relief than we contributed. We are not proud of that picture!

The General Council in 1934 took action to encourage Congregational Christian ministers to "aid themselves" by joining the Annuity Fund of the denomination, thereby relieving the Division of Ministerial Relief as much as possible. Accordingly the 1934 action of the General Council restricted eligibility for ministerial relief to ministers or widows of ministers born before 1872. In 1941, this action was amended to except ministers or their widows "whose standing prior to the merger of the Congregational and Christian churches was in the Christian Church and who, on January 1, 1939, were fifty years or more of age (making any Christian Church minister eligible who was born earlier than January 1, 1889)."

Since the Southern Convention administered its own ministerial relief funds through the Board of Superannuation until June 1, 1948, when we began working through the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions, these rules did not affect our ministers. It should be said that the officers of the Division of Ministerial Relief (Dr. Frank J. Scribner and Rev. Percy C. Ladd) have never pressed this matter. Instead, they have always been generous and considerate of any application sent to them by our Board. However, in good conscience, your Board felt it only right and proper that we cooperate with the rules affecting our ministers over the country. Therefore, we requested Dr. Scribner to take the matter under advisement and to ask his Board to make a ruling to which we might subscribe. Accordingly, the Division of Ministerial Relief and the Board of Home Missions on December 5, 1950, passed the following vote:

"That the action of the General Council at Oberlin in 1934, with respect to appropriation of funds by the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief be interpreted as permitting a further exception in the case of ministers whose standing on January 1, 1945, was in the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches and who on that date were 50 or more years of age (that is, ministers born earlier than January 1, 1895.)"

The Board of Superannuation and the Executive Board of the Convention have concurred in these actions, and we recommend that this session of Convention adopt these rules of our Board of Home Missions and the General Council.

We urge our churches and members to be more generous in their gifts for the aid of our retired and disabled servants, and especially do we urge our churches to receive a liberal offering at Christmas time.

We wish to commend the action of the Executive Board and Superintendent Scott in effecting the Group Life and Hospitalization Plan through the Home Life Insurance Company of New York for pastors and other full time employees of the churches, conferences and Convention, and the Group Hospitalization and Surgical Benefits for dependents of these persons.

We strongly urge all our pastors to participate in the Group Insurance Plan of the Convention and to become members of the Annuity Fund of our denomination.

Ministers as citizens are tax payers and members of our society. We believe that ordained ministers should be eligible for Social Security benefits under the plan of our Federal Government. We recommend that the Southern Convention by vote request the proper officials of our denomination to take appropriate action to help give this security to the Christian ministers.

We endorse the recommendations of the Revisions Committee, whereby the work of the Board of Superannuation and the Mission Board may be combined. We believe this to be a logical step in the unifying of our work with the denomination.

D. R. FONVILLE, *Chairman,*
J. T. KERNODLE,
W. T. MADREN,
E. J. ROHART,
PHILLIP J. WEAVER.

The report of the Woman's Missionary Convention was received and made a part of the record as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

As I bring to you the report of the Woman's Missionary Convention for the biennium 1949-1951, I express the gratitude of all the women of the Convention for the efforts of my predecessor, Mrs. O. H. Paris. She led us untiringly, patiently, efficiently, and with an humble spirit into a well-rounded program of worship, education, service and giving as we were seeking to undergird the general program of the Southern Convention as it serves the cause of Christ within its own bounds, and throughout the world. This report covers the second biennium of Mrs. Paris' term of office as President of the Woman's Missionary Convention.

During the biennium all rallies and conferences were held. The Spring Rallies in 1950 were combined in each Conference, and Family Life Institutes were conducted with Dr. Paul Reynolds, National Family Life Secretary, as the speaker. In addition to the regular scheduled meetings, "One-Day Mission Institutes" have also been held.

The Fifth Annual School of Missions was held at Elon College in June, 1950, and the Sixth Annual School in June, 1951. Each of these Schools had an attendance of approximately 130 women and their leaders. The programs were well-planned, bringing to our women the very best of speakers, including high-ranking leaders in our own denomination and others. Plans are now under way for the Seventh Annual School of Missions to be held at Elon College, July 8-11, 1952.

The Twentieth Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention was held at the Congregational Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia, May 1-2, 1951. Using the theme, "A Highway for Our God," the program was well-planned, giving us a maximum of information and inspiration. The reports showed progress and renewed interest in all phases of our work.

The treasurer's report for 1949-1951 showed our women had contributed $36,931.78 to the church's program and missionary enterprises. This was an increase of approximatly $1,500.00 over the preceding biennium.

Our 1949 Thank Offering was designated for the Han Mei School in Shaowu. $3,260.09 was raised for this project. (Since all this money could not be used for the Han Mei School, due to the situation in China, the balance of $2,200.00 has been designated toward the work of Miss Corrine Norquest in the Johannesburg area of our South Africa Mission.)

Our 1950 Thank Offering was designated for repairing and renovating the Whitley Memorial Auditorium at Elon College. The amount given for this project was $3,667.82.

For the past two bienniums the money received from our Life Membership and Memorial Funds was used for Timothy Chang's seminary education at Duke Divinity School. Beginning the new biennium, the money received for this fund has been designated to renovate the buildings at Franklinton Center.

During the 1949-1951 biennium Friendly Service Gifts were sent to the migrants, to Japan, to Franklinton Center, and to the Near East. Many societies also made special gifts to Community Projects and to their own churches.

A large number of our groups have taken the initiative in planning for the World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship, and World Community Day Programs in their areas —thus strengthening our desire for unity among our denominations.

Our women have shown a fine spirit of cooperation as they have planned their programs, using the Bible and Mission Study books and programs that have been recommended to them.

We have been represented at the meeting of the General Council, the Mid-Winter Sessions of the Missions Council, The General Assembly of Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Women (meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1949), and at the Constituting Convention of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

This report includes only a part of the things which are among the field of interest and concern of the Woman's Missionary Convention as we dedicate our lives to do His will while we strive to build "A Highway for Our God." We realize that we work with vision and a purpose only as we see each part in relationship to the whole.

"Each activity as a part of a total program;
Each organization as a part of the whole church;
Each church as a part of a wider fellowship;
Each widening fellowship as a part of the great
Kingdom enterprise.
All pointed toward the 'cultivation of the spirit of Christ
in every area of human life'."

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *President,*
Woman's Missionary Convention.

The report of the Laymen's Fellowship was received with the amendment that it would not be necessary to refer the matter of the $25,000 compaign for funds to the various Conferences for approval. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The third Sunday in October of each year has been observed as Laymen's Sunday throughout the Southern Convention. Our churches have been very cooperative and, in most cases, laymen have conducted either the morning or evening service on Laymen's Sunday.

In January, 1951, we had a special meeting of the laymen on the Convention, with every conference represented and approximately 600 in attendance at Elon College. This was a very inspirational and beneficial meeting for our men.

Many area conferences or group meetings of laymen have been held during the past biennium. We appreciate the encouragement given our laymen by our ministers and we are grateful for the fine leadership we have had in our local churches and conferences.

At each annual meeting of the conferences of the Convention, time has been allotted for presentation of the work of the Laymen's Fellowship. We are grateful to our conference presidents and officials for this recognition and opportunity of presenting our work to them.

Many fine things have been done by the Laymen's Fellowship of the Southern Convention, and many more worthwhile projects can and will be undertaken during the next few years. There is a great field of service and a great need for our laymen to be active in the local church, which will have its influence on the entire program of the Southern Convention.

At the biennial session of the Laymen's Fellowship held here in Durham on April 29, the following officers were elected for the 1952-54 biennium:

Chairman—W. B. Williams, 1253 24th Street, Newport News, Va.
Vice-Chairman—Prof. J. Earl Danieley, Elon College N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer—S. H. Pell, Rt. 1, Ramseur, N. C.

The following recommendations of the Laymen's Council were adopted, and they are presented to the Convention for its endorsement:

1. *Moonelon*—(1) That the Laymen's Fellowship of the Southern Convention undertake the development of the physical equipment of "Moonelon" as a Convention Center for Young People's Conferences, Laymen's Meetings, Women's Meetings, Elon College Students, Orphanage Children, and for any other church group of the Southern Convention.

   (2) That the Laymen's Fellowship ask permission of the Convention to sponsor a campaign to raise $25,000.00 for this purpose, and that the Laymen's Council be authorized to set up such organization as necessary to raise the funds.

2. *Insurance for Pastors*—That we commend the officials of the Convention in effecting the Group Insurance Plan for pastors and their dependents, and urge all churches to pay their share of the insurance, that our ministers may be protected.
3. *Elon College Sustaining Fund*—That we heartily endorse the action of the Southern Convention in setting up the Sustaining Fund for Elon College, and that we urge our churches to make an earnest effort during the College Period to raise in full the Sustaining Fund of $1.00 per member during the conference year; and that men's classes, clubs and other organizations in the local churches lend their assistance to this worthy undertaking.
4. *Meetings*—That a Convention-Wide Meeting be held annually in the mid-winter at Elon College; and that regional and conference meetings be held regularly.
5. *Finances*—That an operating budget for the Laymen's Fellowship of the Convention be set up, and in order that this might be done, we further recommend that each local layman pay to his local church's Laymen's Fellowship a membership fee of $1.00 per year, and that this membership fee be divided one-half for the local group and one-helf be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention Laymen's Fellowship.

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Chairman,*
S. H. PELL, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

The report of the Pilgrim Fellowship was received and made a part of the record as follows:

REPORT OF THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

During the past two years the Southern Convention Youth Fellowship has endeavored to carry on a program which is in keeping with the purpose and the plans of the National Council of Pilgram Fellowship and at the same time adapted to the needs of the local organizations.

The Seventh National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship, meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was attended by five delegates from the Southern Convention. Those delegates returned home to explain and to put into practice the plans of the National Council. In order to do this reports were given to Conference rallies and also to local groups. An officers' training camp was held at Camp Crabtree so that the delegates might help incorporate the national program into the Convention program.

In the last biennium the Youth Council, whose officers are Warren Matthews, president; John Truitt, Jr., treasurer; and Max Vestal, editor of youth publications, has promoted two separate missionary programs. In the fall of 1950 Max Vestal, who under the sponsorship of the Youth Fellowship, spent the summer in a work camp at Agape, Italy, toured the Convention reporting on some af the achievements and needs of present-day Europe.

January 1, 1951, was the opening date for the Philippine Project. This is a campaign in which the Youth Fellowship set a goal of $2,500 for the education of a Philippine student. The amount of the goal was divided among the conferences according to their ability. On January 1, 1952, the half-way mark of the campaign, more than half of the goal had been realized; there is every reason to believe that the goal will be reached before December 30, 1952. Mr. Jose Dabuet, the student from the Philippines, is now a student at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has spoken at rallies in the Convention, and he will be available in the Summer months to visit organizations and to help in mission work.

The Youth Fellowship groups have been holding conference meetings regularly. The attendance of these groups has reached a high quantity, and the programs have developed into a high quality. But it was the feeling on the part of able Conference presidents that the Youth Fellowship needed greater unity. So in the years 1951 and 1952 state-wide youth rallies were held in Richmond for Virginia and in Elon College for North Carolina. Those were perhaps the largest gatherings of young people in the history of the Convention.

All of these programs and plans have been executed to aid the local organizations. It has been the work of the Youth Fellowship to carry on a program that challenges the highest development of Christian character, that calls forth young people to give their best to their Christ and to His Church.

WARREN MATTHEWS,
President of Youth Council.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

"But the Laborers are few." This clause describes the situation in our churches with respect to ministerial leadership. Our need for ministers has become critical. But that is not all; the number of candidates in the process of training is entirely inadequate even to maintain the present supply. In short, unless we can double the number of recruits to the ministry, it can hardly be hoped that the present condition will improve. Your Convention Committee on the Ministry would be remiss if it failed to call attention to this crisis that threatens our churches. Many committees are prepared and anxious to employ full-time pastoral service, but qualified ministers are not available. The tendency is for the more favored committees to attract the men that are available and to leave the less fortunate churches without pastoral leadership. How can the opening of new churches be urged or justified when there are not sufficient pastors to care for the present ones?

Certainly the time has come for us to give voice to the prayer of Jesus, "that the Lord of harvest send forth laborers unto the harvest." To pray this prayer, however, is not simply to utter a wish. Jesus did not merely wish that he had leaders. Rather, his prayer expressed a concern about which he did something. What if our prayer for laborers should likewise express a concern. What if we should become determined to do something about it? How might this concern over the supply of pastors be translated into terms of action? Here are some suggestions which your Committee wishes to present:

1. Determine to make your own minister a great religious leader. Is it not an established fact that great churches bring out the qualities of greatness that are in their pastors? This rather typical confession is taken from the autobiography of one of our finest ministers, Rev. Leon H. Austin: "They made me what I became . . . and I was certainly immeasurably greater mentally and spiritually at the end of those twelve years than when I came to them."* Young people impressed by the figure of their own minister and the way he is supported by his people can hardly escape the suggestion to consider the ministry as a life's work.
2. Present the ministry as a calling to young people upon every possible occasion. (One Sunday a quarter might be profitably devoted to a discussion of the minister and his task.)
3. Cultivate the acquaintance of possible recruits, and provide them with contacts that will deepen their interest in and understanding of the Gospel Ministry.
4. Make available to young people books and other literature which interpret the work of the ministry.
5. Strive toward a wholesome and tranquil local church life. Who could estimate the number of young people who have been disuaded from their purpose to become ministers by unfortunate experiences of pettiness and strife in their own churches?
6. Anything which magnifies the importance of the church and its ministry can be relied upon to help answer the prayer for "laborers unto the harvest."

In addition to this most urgent matter, your committee has considered the question of ministerial standing and credentials for non-preaching ministers such as teach-

*Quoted from "The Minister's Quarterly," February, 1952. Article, "My Fifty Years in the Ministry," by Rev. Leon H. Austin.

ers and chaplains. Consulation with the Conference Superintendents and other leaders and officials of the Denomination revealed that the accepted policy is for each case to be dealt with by the authorized Conference Committee or Association as a special problem.

Further, your Committee has begun work on a two-year Conference Study Course for ministers. Outlines of the course and suggested bibliographies are already being used. It is hoped that the proper organization for administering this Conference Study Course may be completed within the next conference year.

Respectfully submitted,

FERRIS E. REYNOLDS, *Chairman,*
STANLEY C. HARRELL,
E. C. BRADY,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
W. B. O'NEILL.

The report of the Ministerial Loan Fund was on motion adopted, with the amendment that item No. 2 with reference to the cancellation of an item of $1,165.95 due from the General Fund of the College be deleted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL LOAN FUND.

During the past two years, we have made an effort through Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., and Superintendent Wm. T. Scott to collect the dilinquent notes. Some success has been achieved. Of the notes dated prior to 1935, some have been settled on a fifty per cent basis as authorized by the 1948 Convention (Item 11, pages 47-48). Others we are attempting to settle. Of the loans now currently made, negotiable notes for not more than one year are signed. These may be renewed at the discretion of the committee.

The status of the fund, as of April 11, 1952, as certified to by W. E. Butler, Business Manager of Elon College, for the college as custodian, is as follows:

Cash held by Elon College, Custodian, available for loans ...	$ 3,504.79
Past Due Notes	4,699.46
Current Notes	860.00
Amount Due from Elon College "General Fund"	1,165.95
Total Assets	$10,230.20

The past due ond out-of-date notes, totaling $4,699.46, range in date from 1911 to 1940. Of these notes, sixteen (16) totaling $2,101.00 were made by persons whose addresses are now unknown. All notes are in the hands of the custodian and your committee has a complete list of them for your inspection, if desired.

We recommend that the Ministerial Student Loan Fund Committee be empowered to settle all past due notes to the best advantage, subject to approval of the Executive Board.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman,*
GEO. D. COLCLOUGH,
K. D. REGISTER,
L. E. SMITH,
WM. T. SCOTT,
Committee.

On motion of Rev. D. N. Vore, chairman of the Nominating Committee, it was voted that the Executive Board be empowered to elect trustees for Moonelon for the biennium and that the present committee on Moonelon continue in office until such time as the trustees are elected.

The Board of Publications nominated Mr. John T. Kernodle as managing editor of THE CHRISTIAN SUN, and on motion he was elected.

An invitation was received from the Bethlehem (Nansemond) Church of the Eastern Virginia Conference to hold the 1954 Convention in that church. It was voted to receive the invitation with thanks and that it be referred to the Executive Board.

Rev. Thomas K. Thompson addressed the Convention on the theme, "The Need for Christian Stewardship."

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented by Rev. G. H. Veazey, and on motion it was received and made a part of the record as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We certify from registrations the following attendance at this session:

Conference	*Lay Delegates*	*Ministers*	*Visitors*	*Total*
Eastern Virginia	45	23	29	97
Valley of Virginia	7	6	6	19
Eastern North Carolina	22	12	50	84
Western North Carolina	14	11	34	59
North Carolina and Virginia	38	25	90	153
Visiting Ministers		7		
Totals	126	84	209	419

G. H. VEAZEY, *Chairman.*

Committee: G. H. Veazey, S. H. Basnight, R. A. Whitten.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by the chairman, Dr. F. C. Lester, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

(As adopted.)

Resolved:

1. That we express by rising vote our sincere appreciation:

a. To the pastor and members of the Durham Church for the generous hospitality given the Convention, and to the funeral homes for parking space;

b. To the officers and committees for all the good work they have done during the past two years;

c. To Dr. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Thomas K. Thompson, Dr. Russell Henry Stafford and Walter A. Graham for giving us so generously of themselves and their wide knowledge of kingdom work; and

d. To all who have helped make this Convention a useful instrument in building more and better churches.

2. That item 5 in the report of the Board of Publications be considered the citations intended for the faithful services of the men mentioned—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Dr. R. L. House, and John T. Kernodle—and that we reaffirm our appreciation for the gifts of these persons to the Church which we all love and serve;

3. That we express by message to Dorothy Foltz, John Graves, Bill Tolley, Paul Varga, and Allen and Frances Gleason, students from the Southern Convention at Hartford Seminary, our appreciation for their greetings, our wish for them good success, and our hope that they will return to work among us when student days are over.

4. That we heartily approve the work of CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program), that we do what we can to promote it, and ask our church people to give generously in trying to supply food for hungry people around the world.

5. That we urge our people to take seriously the matter of citizenship and to vote as Christian stewards.

6. That those who have attended this Convention resolve in our hearts to strive more diligently to make real the unity of our fellowship, to strengthen the churches of our Convention so they may become the best it is possible for them to be, and that we do this for the honor of Christ.

F. C. LESTER, *Chairman.*

Committee: F. C. Lester, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Fred P. Register.

A motion by Rev. H. E. Robinson in commendation of the work of Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, and the Convention office staff was adopted as follows:

> Resolved: That the Convention express its appreciation to Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and the Convention Office staff for their thought, planning and diligence in producing the copies of the Convention records and reports as contained in the "Blue Book." This information has been exceedingly helpful in the business discussions on the Convention floor, and has provided the delegates with valuable material to take to their respective churches. We believe the whole work of the Convention has been strengthened by this procedure and heartily recommend that it continue, and that those responsible be fully aware of our heartfelt gratitude.

On motion, it was voted to omit the reading of the minutes and to authorize the president and secretary to complete them.

On motion, a rising vote of thanks was given to Dr. Will B. O'Neill for his services as secretary.

On motion, it was voted that the Minutes be printed in THE ANNUAL and that the actions be printed in *The Christian Sun.*

Rev. Orville White conducted an impressive closing service of worship, after which the Convention stood adjourned.

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *President,*
WILL B. O'NEILL, *Secretary.*

THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

BIENNIUM 1952-54

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Office and Personnel—Mr. Geo. D. Colclough, Rev. S. C. Harrell, Rev. W. E. Wisseman.

Ministerial Loan Fund—J. G. Truitt, L. E. Smith, K. D. Register, Geo. D. Colclough, Wm. T. Scott. (Note: Ministerial Scholarship Committee appointed from membership of Board of Christian Education.)

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O'KELLY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES.

Class of 1954—Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Rev. C. E. Newman (deceased), S. H. Basnight.

Class of 1956—Miss Margaret Hall, Rev. K. D. Register, Miss Lillie D. Fowler.

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Finance Committee—Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman, George D. Colclough, Clyde W. Gordon, A. H. McIver, S. H. Basnight, K. B. Dofflemeyer, S. H. Pell, I. L. McDowell, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Shirley T. Holland.

Social Action—R. L. House, Chairman (deceased), A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Richard L. Jackson, W. P. Smith, C. Baxter Twiddy, H. Shelton Smith.

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Evangelism and Spiritual Life—Roy C. Helfenstein, Chairman, Thurman Bowers, O. D. Poythress, Mrs. W. B. Williams,, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Melvin Dollar, Thomas Sutton.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Reprinting of Manual—Henry E. Robinson, Chairman, W. J. Andes, F. C. Lester, Mrs. W. W. Sellers, J. Robert Walker, W. Millard Stevens, Wm. T. Scott.

ELON COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND.

Representing the Convention—Mark W. Andes, S. H. Basnight, Hubert Beane, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., Mrs. R. A. Whitten, W. Millard Stevens, Ex Officio, Wm. T. Scott, Ex Officio, Pattie Lee Coghill, Ex Officio.

Representing the Conference—The President, and three members appointed by him.

Representing Elon College—Mills E. Godwin, Trustee; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Trustee; Cyrus Shoffner, Trustee; G. D. Colclough, Trustee; S. C. Harrell, Trustee, D. J. Bowden, Faculty; W. W. Sloan, Faculty; Lynn Cashions, Student Body, Bill Simmons, Student Body; Philip Mann, Student Body.

Proceedings of the Twenty-First Mid-Year Session of THE VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH, TENTH LEGION, VIRGINIA,
MARCH 27, 1952.

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MORNING SESSION.

The twenty-second mid-year session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference met with Bethlehem Christian Church, March 27, 1951.

The Conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m., by the president, K. B. Dofflemyer. The worship service was conducted by Rev. Ralph M. Galt.

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, E. J. Rohart, R. A. Whitten, R. M. Galt.

Churches—Antioch, Bethel, Bethlehem, Beulah, Concord, Joppa, Leaksville, Linville, Mayland, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Olivet (R), New Hope, Newport, Palmyra, Timber Ridge, Winchester, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel.

The following visitors were introduced to Conference and seated as deliberative members. Dr. Dumont Clark, Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss, Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Rev. W. A. Hardy, Rev. Mort Tiggleman, Rev. Edwin M. Alcorn.

Reports of church delegates.

Address: "The Lord's Acre Plan" by Dr. Dumont Clark.

Remarks: "Five Cardinal Principles of the Christian Church," Dr. Scott.

An offering of $32.36 was received to help defray the expenses of the Conference.

Conference adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference convened at 1:45 p. m.

Rev. E. J. Rohart conducted the worship services.

Address: Fundamental Principles of Protestantism," Dr. Wesley Hotchkiss.

Rev. E. J. Rohart was elected to serve on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention to succeed Rev. R. E. Newton, whose term expires with the class of 1952.

A motion carried that the Mid-Year Conference approve the action of the Executive Committee in accepting "The Program of Advance."

A motion carried that the secretary be notified as to prospective delegates to the General Council and report same to Dr. Scott.

The amount of $1.75 was received for the sale of ANNUALS.

Rev. R. E. Newton made announcements relative to Powell's Fort Camp.

A rising vote of thanks was expressed to the ladies of the Bethlehem Church for the dinner.

The Conference adjourned to meet with the Bethlehem Church for the twenty-third mid-year session on March 26, 1953.

Rev. R. E. Newton led the closing prayer.

K. B. DOFFLEMYER, *President*,
C. A. PHILLIPS, *Secretary*.

Proceedings of the One Hundred Fourth Annual Session of THE VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

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LEAKSVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH,
OCTOBER 15, 16, 1952.

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The one hundred fourth annual session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Leaksville Church, Luray, Virginia, October 15 and 16, 1952.

The Conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m., by the president, K. B. Dofflemyer. The worship service was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. R. E. Newton.

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—W. B. Fuller, R. M. Galt, H. V. Harman, S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, E. J. Rohart, R. A. Whitten. James W. Madren (licentiate).

Churches and Delegates.

Antioch—Mrs. B. F. Frank, E. A. Showalter.
Bethel—Mrs. James Frazier, Mrs. Hazel Monger, Mrs. H. T. Hensley, Mrs. K. B. Dofflemyer.
Bethlehem—Mrs. Tom Good, Mrs. Clark Foltz.
Beulah—Mrs. Clarence Michael, Clarence Michael.
Concord—Mrs. Russell Smith, Russell Smith.
Dry Run—Mrs. C. L. Cullers, R. W. Burke.
Joppa—Mrs. Angelo Brown, Mrs. Ezylean Nicholson.
Leaksville—Noah F. Painter, Randolph Sours, John D. Miller, Benjamin F. McDaniel.
Linville—Warner Stearn, Mrs. Warner Stearn.
Mayland—By report.
Mt. Lebanon—By report.
Mt. Olivet (G)—Frank Morris, Mrs. G. F. Snow, Mrs Helen Morris.
Mt. Olivet (R)—Mrs. Dewey Bateman, Mrs. Elmer Life, Mrs. G. W. Frazier.
New Hope—Joe Vanpelt, Mrs. E. M. Spitzer.
Newport—Hume Kite, Nelson Kite, Mrs. C. W. Louderback.
Palmyra—By report.
Timber Ridge—Mrs. Mannie Muse, Mrs. Vernon Whitacre, Mrs. Fred Oates, Walton Brill.
Winchester—O. A. Bazzle, H. F. Nelson, Mrs. C. L. Whitlock, Mrs. Grover Daugherty.
Wissler's Chapel—Mrs. Edna Green.
Wood's Chapel—Mrs. Florence Day, Mrs. Dora Kipps.

The following visitors were introduced to Conference and granted the privileges of the floor: Dr. Gladwin Childs, Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. John G. Truitt, Mr. William K. Newman, Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Rev. Max Vestal and Rev. James Thomas.

A motion was carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of business, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

Dr. L. E. Smith addressed the Conference on the topic: "Let Us Rise Up and Build."

Presentation of *The Christian Sun* by Dr. Wm. T. Scott, representing the Board of Publications.

Mr. William K. Newman addressed the Conference on the subject: "Unchurched Millions."

Rev. R. A. Whitten introduced the two new ministers to Conference, Rev. Ralph M. Galt and Rev. Henry V. Harman.

Dr. L. E. Smith offered the closing prayer and grace for the noon meal. Conference adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 1:45 by the president.

Worship was conducted by Rev. E. J. Rohart.

The president appointed the following committees (the last three members of the Nominating Committee being elected by Conference):

Place—Mrs. Tom Good, O. A. Bazzle.
Resolutions—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. E. J. Rohart.
Finance—E. A. Showalter, O. A. Bazzle, Russell Smith.
Nominating—R. O. Rothgeb, chairman; Joe Banpelt, R. A. Whitten, B. F. McDaniel, R. W. Burke.

Mrs. J. E. Bryant, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, was recognized by Conference. She presented, on behalf of the society and as a token of remembrance to the late Mrs. O. J. Sours, a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible to the Elon College library. The Bible was accepted by Dr. L. E. Smith, and will be placed in the library.

Report of the Committee on Home Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Annual Conference might well be considered a time for taking inventory; for that is indeed really one of the purposes for which it is held. The theme of this session of our Conference, namely, "Let Us Rise Up and Build," should constitute a challenge to our loyalty and devotion to the "Master Builder."

Some things have been accomplished which were planned at last year's session, one of which, is a pastor for Timber Ridge Church, and a Pastor-at-Large for the entire Conference. Rev. Henry V. Harman is serving in these two capacities. For this accomplishment we feel indebted to the New York office and to Dr. Scott: we hereby express to them our gratitude.

We wish to recognize the splendid work the Women's Missionary Societies are doing, and we feel that much credit is due them for the accomplishments attained.

We believe that most of our church properties are in the best state of repair that they have been at any time; however, there is much yet to be done.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That each church continue its efforts to acquire the necessary facilities for the building of a better church, materially and spiritually.

2. That this Conference appropriate $500.00 to Mt. Lebanon Church on their building program, and that we ask the Mission Board of the Southern Convention for $1,000.00 on same. The building now in use is entirely inadequate for the growing Sunday School and congregation.

3. That the appropriation for salary aid from the Conference Fund and the Mission Board be left in the hands of the Home Missions Committee and the Executive Committee with power to act.

Respectfully submitted,

R. O. ROTHGEB,
C. W. LOUDERBACK,
E. F. SHOWALTER,
M. A. DOFFLEMYER,
Committee.

Amendment to Home Mission report: "That this Conference assume the sum of $300.00 on the salary of Rev. Henry V. Harman." The report and amendment adopted.

Conference approved the action of the Executive Committee in drawing upon the Conference treasurer for $75 to pay Rev. H. V. Harman's moving expenses. By motion, an offering was received to reimburse the Conference treasury. Amount of the offering was $56.04.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. R. E. Newton and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christians should become deeply concerned that our increasing prosperity should not make us unmindful of the increasing poverty of millions of our brothers in other lands. Our increasing number of new churches should be a cause for rejoicing, but we should view with alarm the fact that there are still multitudes of our fellowmen who have never heard of our Lord and who have no churches at all.

These conditions constitute a challenge to us to obey our Lord's command to "Go and make disciples of all nations." There is work to do, more missionaries are needed, more offerings could be made and more prayers offered.

We have made some progress in our giving. In 1942 our total giving for the Valley Conference to Missions was $368.00, while in 1951 we gave $1,069.00—almost three times as much. In proportion to increased wages and salaries this is not a large gain.

Our responsibility is a great one, our opportunity is here, our ability is yet to be tested. Our willingness—What about it?

"Cast your bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."—Ecclesiastes 11:1.

Jesus Christ is depending upon you and me.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. NEWTON,
MRS. EDGAR NELSON,
MRS. J. E. BRYANT,
MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,
MRS. A. W. ANDES,
Committee.

Dr. Scott suggested that Conference adopt the recommendations in the *Manual* of the Southern Convention relative to its suggested committee set up. The Conference ordered that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee for further study and to act officially on the recommendation.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was read by Rev. R. A. Whitten and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

On July 18, 1952, the application for membership of Rev. Ralph M. Galt was presented and a favorable vote was taken, and the Committee recommends that Brother Galt be received into our fellowship.

On same date also, July 18th, application was made by the Rev. Henry V. Harman for membership in our fellowship.

It is with much pleasure that we welcome both Rev. Galt and Rev. Harman into our membership and most heartily recommend the Conference to receive them into our fellowship.

On September 2, 1952, upon a recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, the application of Thomas W. Madren, son of Rev. Silas E. Madren, student at Elon College, it was voted by a joint Committee of the Conference, duly authorized to transact such business, a certificate was authorized to be issued to Thomas W. Madren, signed by the chairman of the Committee on the Ministry and the Secretary of the Conference, to be enrolled a member of the Biblical Class. We approve of this action of the Committee by the Conference.

On October 9, 1952, Licentiate, Rev. James W. Madren, member of this Conference, made application to the Committee on the Ministry requesting his ordination at this session of Conference.

Your Committee was made happy when we received application from a fine young man in our Conference for licensure. He comes from a consistent Christian home, is in his senior year at Elon College and it is with sincere pleasure that your Committee recommend that Mr. Page Painter be licensed to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ wherever the providence of God may call him.

We recommend the ordination and licensure of these two men respectively, during this session of Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITTEN, *Chairman,*
R. E. NEWTON,
S. E. MADREN,
H. V. HARMAN,
E J. ROHART,
RALPH H. GALT,
Committee.

A motion carried that the ordination and licensure of candidates, as recommended by the Committee on the Ministry, be held on Thursday.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was read by Rev. S. E. Madren and admitted to the records as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School Convention met at Wood's Chapel Christian Church, June 5, 1951. A very interesting program was given.

Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein spoke on the topic, "Our Heritage." He gave the background of the Congregational Christian Church in a most effective manner.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill led a discussion on Sunday School work.

Seventeen of the eighteen Sunday Schools were represented.

A Christian Education Conference was held at Bethlehem, October 10, 1952. The purpose of the meeting was for reaching superintendents, officers and teachers of the Sunday School with a vital program of instruction. Sixty-five representatives from the Sunday Schools were present.

Rev. W. J. Andes addressed the group on "The Importance of Christian Education for Our Day."

Group discussions:

Pre-School Teachers.....Mrs. Ralph Galt.
Primary and Junior Teachers .....Miss Pattie Lee Coghill
Young People's Teachers and Counselors....Rev. Henry V. Harman
Adult Teachers.....Dr. Raymond Andes
Superintendents.....Rev. W. J. Andes

The following were elected as officers for 1952-53: Rev. S. E. Madren, president; Leonard Higgs, vice-president; Mrs. Clark Foltz, secretary; Miss Evelyn Allen, assistant secretary; E. A. Showalter, treasurer.

The Convention will be held at Dry Run in June of 1953. The exact date to be set by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. MADREN, *President.*

The Conference was enlightened as to the present status of the Christian Orphanage by Dr. Truitt.

The Christian Missionary Association held a brief session. The following report was admitted to record:

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Amount of dues collected for the year, 1951-52, $190.00.

The amount of money received by the C. M. A. was voted to be placed in the Conference Fund for pastoral aid.

Officers elected for another year: Mrs. A. W. Andes, president; Mrs. Tom Good, secretary-treasurer.

Conference adjourned.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order by the vice-president, Rev. R. E. Newton.

The film, "The Basis of the Blueprint," was shown in connection with the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.

Dr. Truitt addressed the session, leaving the following thought and question, "Need a Miracle be Performed to Show Us the Signs of Our Times?"

Rev. R. A. Whitten officiated at the Holy Communion Service, assisted by ministers of the Conference.

The benediction was pronounced, and Conference adjourned to re-convene on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 9:45 by the president. Rev. H. V. Harman led the worship service.

Minutes of the previous sessions of Conference were read and approved.

A motion was carried to accept the following resolution introduced by Rev. R. A. Whitten:

RESOLUTION.

In accordance with the action of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention approving the Convention quota of $135,000.00 in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign of $4,500,000.00 authorized by the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Southern Convention that the Virginia Valley Central Conference accept a quota of $5,736.00 in this campaign.

Be it resolved:

1. That the Conference accept the said quota.

2. That the Conference designate as its Campaign Committee the following persons: Clarence A. Phillips, chairman; Mrs. R. A. Whitten, associate chairman; R. E. Newton, associate chairman; C. A. Pugh, Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. D. H. Dofflemyer, R. O. Rothgeb, Vernon Whitacre, members at large; K. B. Dofflemyer, H. V. Harman, ex-officio members.

3. That the solicitation of funds for this Campaign begin March, 1953.

4. That the Conference Campaign Committee allocate suggested quotas to the several churches, and with the Convention and National Committees promote the purpose of this Campaign to a successful conclusion.

Address: "Mission Work in Angola, Africa," by Dr. Gladwyn Childs.

Ordination and licensing of candidates as recommended by the Committee on the Ministry: Ordination of James W. Madren, Wakefield Parish (E. Va.), and licensure of Page Painter, now a senior studying at Elon College. Committee on the Ministry in charge.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was read by Rev. E. J. Rohart, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

The principles of Christian Stewardship are as follows:

1. God is the owner of all things.
2. Man is a steward who handles something or has charge of something which belongs to God.
3. Man must give an account of his stewardship to God.

Stewardship is stern and sacred business. The Scriptures have a great deal to say about it. Perhaps one of the greatest surprises of Judgment Day will be the condemnation pronounced upon many people because they have been guilty of embezzlement, theft, dishonesty and negligence in regard to their stewardship of all that God has entrusted in their care.

We wish to recommend:

1. That each pastor encourage his members as faithful stewards to follow the Scriptural plan of giving as they are constrained by the love of Christ.

2. That the local churches use visual aids and literature in the teaching of stewardship.

3. That since our Southern Convention is employing a Stewardship and Evangelism Secretary that Stewardship Institutes be promoted in local churches.

4. That we encourage the Lord's Acre Plan and enroll members in our churches to become conscientious tithers.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. ROHART,
E. A. SHOWALTER,
O. A. BAZZLE,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Rev. S. E. Madren, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The Southern Convention Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life met in Henderson, N. C., September 23, 1952, to discuss plans and methods of Evangelism for the Convention. Dr. Roy C. Helfenstein, chairman, challenged the Committee to help re-kindle the evangelistic concern in the hearts of our people and on the altars of our churches.

In keeping with conclusions reached by the Convention Committee, each church in this Conference should:

1. Re-evangelize those already in the church.
2. Make a religious survey of the community to discover the unchurched and inactive.
3. Help to re-establish those who move into the community.
4. Reach the careless and indifferent and win them to Christ.
5. Assimilate new members into the church fellowship.

We, therefore, recommend:

1. That this Conference, in cooperating with the Southern Convention Committee, approve a period of Evangelism, February 25, 1953, to Easter Sunday.

2. That each church and pastor have some special evangelistic emphasis during this period:

Suggested methods:

a. Revival meetings.
b. Visitation evangelism campaign.
c. Christian decision week.
d. Preaching missions.
e. Pastor's class.

3. That each church emphasize and promote regular church attendance.

4. That we become better informed with the government and principles of our church, and thereby, inform others.

5. That five Conference Rallies be conducted by chosen teams in January, emphasizing Evangelism, namely: Winchester, Leaksville, Bethel, Linville and Bethlehem.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. MADREN,
R. E. NEWTON,
R. M. GALT,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read by C. A. Phillips, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Religious Literature desires to place before you a few figures. We had reports from 11 churches representing 1,198 members—not quite half of the total membership, 2,484. There were 565 families represented in the 11 churches and

only 57 homes reported taking *The Christian Sun.* We sincerely hope the other nine churches can show a better record.

The members who read *The Christian Sun* have a better chance to know the interests of our church. In it are items of interest to parents and children, news from mission fields, Elon College, the Orphanage, and the Young People's work, plus a Sermon and the Sunday School Lesson.

We find the Sunday Schools use literature published by the International Uniform Gospel Press, Christian Education Press, Standard Publishing Co., David C. Cook and the Pilgrim Press.

We recommend use of Pilgrim Press Literature in all departments of our Sunday Schools.

Last, but not least, we recommend a revival of daily Bible reading.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. FRANK,
MRS. N. F. PAINTER,
Committee.

A report of the Convention Finance Plan was made to the Conference by Dr. Wm. T. Scott.

A motion carried that the Conference accept the quota of $7,839.00 as a goal set up by the Southern Convention Finance Committee.

The report of the Apportionment Committee was read by E. A. Showalter, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the vote of this session of Conference approving the Convention goal as requested by the Finance Committee of the Southern Convention, we, your Apportionment Committee, recommend the new apportionment table for the Conference year, 1953-53, as shown on opposite page.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. SHOWALTER, *Chairman,*
ROY A. LARRICK,
B. F. MCDANIEL,
MRS. TOM GOOD,
M. A. DOFFLEMYER,
Committee.

Benediction and thanks for the noon meal.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 1:45 by the president. Hymn singing was led by Rev. S. E. Madren.

A motion carried to receive the Oak Dale Church of Rig, West Virginia, and the pastor, Rev. James Thomas of the West Virginia Christian Conference, into an associate membership with the Virginia Valley Central Conference.

The reports of the Committees on Social Action and the Laymen's Fellowship were called for. No reports were made.

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1052-53.

CHURCH	Southern Convention Fund	Con. Home Miss. & Church Exten.	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Nat'l B. H. Miss. & Minist'l Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Total Apportionment
Antioch	$ 163	$ 132	$ 29	$ 85	$ 85	$ 5	$ 12	$103	$ 72	$ 10	$ 81	$ 777
Bethel	128	63	24	82	67	9	13	71	54	19	71	601
Bethlehem	128	72	24	92	67	5	10	63	54	9	70	594
Beulah	10	9	2	6	6	1	1	8	9	3	8	63
Concord	40	27	7	21	21	3	4	24	21	6	34	208
Dry Run	50	32	11	42	28	4	4	28	21	9	45	274
Joppa	19	11	3	9	9	1	2	10	11	4	13	92
Leaksville	144	92	28	109	79	10	14	81	57	19	130	763
Linville	153	98	28	90	70	10	14	86	79	19	119	766
Mayland	50	30	9	26	42	5	4	27	19	9	71	292
Mt. Lebanon	50	33	9	23	23	7	6	29	26	12	33	251
Mt. Olivet (G)	63	38	11	33	33	7	5	33	36	13	60	332
Mt. Olivet (R)	48	29	9	24	24	8	5	25	21	13	79	285
New Hope	59	37	12	33	33	3	4	32	32	6	42	293
Newport	153	87	27	88	155	9	12	76	25	18	94	744
Palmyra	25	13	4	12	12	5	3	12	14	10	29	139
Timber Ridge	123	77	22	66	66	12	12	68	65	25	99	635
Winchester	353	127	61	100	100	15	17	111	434	30	186	1,534
Wissler's Chapel	40	28	5	21	21	3	4	25	14	5	27	193
Woods Chapel	31	27	5	19	19	4	4	24	14	9	34	190
Totals	$ 1,830	$ 1,062	$330	$981	$960	$126	$150	$936	$ 1,078	$248	$ 1,325	$ 9,026

The Treasurer's Report was given by O. W. Andes, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

CONFERENCE FUND.

Amount brought forward as reported at Conference last year $1,137.68

		RECEIPTS.		
1951				
Oct.	26	Southern Convention Office		50.00
Nov.	19	Southern Convention Office		50.00
Dec.	7	Mrs. Margie Baker, ANNUALS		75
	21	Southern Convention Office		50.00
1952				
Jan.	19	Southern Convention Office		50.00
Feb.	28	Southern Convention Office		50.00
Mar.	20	Southern Convention Office		50.00
	27	Rev. E. J. Rohart, ANNUALS		2.00
		Clarence Phillips, ANNUALS		1.75
		Mid-Year Conference Offering		9.13
		Rev. R. E. Newton, ANNUALS		5.00
Apr.	13	Rev. E. J. Rohart, ANNUALS		2.00
	18	Southern Convention Office		50.00
May	20	Southern Convention Office		50.00
June	11	Southern Convention Office		50.00
July	18	Southern Convention Office		50.00
Sept.	9	Rev. H. V. Harman, Pastor-at-Large Fund		23.74
	20	Southern Convention Office		100.00
Oct.	8	Rev. H. V. Harman, Pastor-at-Large Fund		31.31
	15	Conference Offering		56.04
	16	C. M. A. Fund		197.50
		Rev. R. E. Newton, ANNUALS		.75
		Rev. R. A. Whitten, ANNUALS		4.25
		Rev. Ralph Galt, ANNUALS		2.25
		Amount from Churches for Conference Fund:		
		Antioch	$ 81.00	
		Bethel	71.00	
		Bethlehem	70.00	
		Beulah	8.00	
		Concord	34.00	
		Dry Run	13.00	
		Joppa	13.00	
		Leaksville	130.00	
		Linville	119.00	
		Mayland	65.00	
		Mount Lebanon	30.00	
		Mount Olivet (G)	57.65	
		Mount Olivet (R)	79.00	
		New Hope	42.00	
		Newport	94.00	
		Palmyra	40.00	
		Timber Ridge	99.00	
		Winchester	187.00	
		Wissler's Chapel	27.00	
		Woods Chapel	34.00	
				1,293.65
		Total Receipts		$3,367.80

1951		DISBURSEMENTS.			
Aug.	10	O. W. Andes, Treasurer's Salary and Postage		$ 11.75	
		Rev. S. E. Madren, Secretary's Salary		25.80	
1952					
Jan.	20	Dr. W. T. Scott, Pastors' Insurance		123.60	
Feb.	15	Dr. W. T. Scott, Pastors' Insurance		123.60	
May	20	Board of Publication, So. Conv., for ANNUALS		97.00	
June	1	Rev. S. E. Madren, Expenses to General Council ...		35.00	
July	15	Rev. H. V. Harman, Moving Expenses		75.00	
Aug.	20	Rev. R. E. Newton, Expenses to General Council ..		35.00	
Oct.	16	Branner Printing Service, Conference Programs		12.00	
		Pastors Salaries:			
		Rev. E. J. Rohart	$ 494.80		
		Rev. S. E. Madren	744.60		
				1,239.40	
		Total Disbursements			1,778.15
		Balance in Treasury			$1,589.65

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Amount previously reported	$ 694.20
Interest reported during the year	9.24
Total on hand	$ 703.44

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. ANDES, *Treasurer.*

On motion it was voted to receive the report, and that the treasurer's books for this conference year be closed as of this session. Subject to be drawn on and audited by the Executive Committee.

On motion it was voted that the "Pastor-at-Large-Fund" be kept by the treasurer of Conference for record and be subject to draft by the pastor-at-large.

The report of the Committee on Moral Reform was read by Rev. R. M. Galt, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE MORAL REFORM COMMITTEE.

The Moral Reform Committee apologizes for not serving the churches actively as a committee during the past Conference year.

The Chairman can report the following personal activities:

1. We went with other ministers and church leaders to an open meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Rockingham County and urged them not to listen to the beer sellers and not to relax the laws against selling beer on Sunday. They did as we requested.

2. We have begun efforts aimed at persuading all businesses to remain closed on Sunday morning until 12:30 P. M., and to hang cards on their doors advertising the churches. We seek the cooperation of all Christians, all churches, all chambers of commerce and individual businessmen, and local governments.

We recommend the following:

1. That all members of our churches stand uncompromisingly for and as good examples of temperance. At the same time we urge all to act so loving and full of the spirit of Jesus towards all their neighbors that we will not drive them to drink.

2. That all our churches help in the moves for no business on Sunday morning, and that our members stock up with goods on Saturday and not patronize business on Sunday. We do not condemn our members who feel forced to sell all day Sunday in order to make a living; but we urge them to help seek the simultaneous closing of their competitors and their own business.

3. That all church members remain faithful to, and uphold, the Christian moral standards of chastity and continence before marriage, and life-long faithfulness in marriage.

We urge the deacons and other leaders of our churches to visit families in their neighborhood which are in danger of becoming broken homes, and try to mediate and give a Christian witness to such families. We urge that our churches and ministers give pre-marital counseling to young people preparing for marriage.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH M. GALT,
MRS. GALEN SALYARDS,
MRS. JOSEPH FRAZIER,
Committee.

On motion it was voted to order 125 ANNUALS for Conference and that the treasurer be authorized to pay the bill for same.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

These have been days of real joy and profit. We have greatly enjoyed the fine fellowship of the Conference. The sessions have been both helpful and inspiring. We return to our churches having caught a vision of better and greater service.

We, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

1. That we express our appreciation for the faithful services rendered by each officer of this Conference, and for the excellent program presented.

2. That we express our gratitude to those who have appeared on the program or made a contribution in any way to the Conference, and especially to our guest speakers.

3. That by a rising vote, we express our sincere thanks to the pastor and people of Leaksville Church for the splendid provision made for our comfort during this Conference.

4. That we thank God for the dedication to the Christian ministry and the privilege of this Conference to license Page Painter and ordain James Madren and that we pray God's blessings upon them as they serve in His name.

5. That we resolve as Christian workers to return to our local churches with a new interest in all phases of the entire program of the church. And that we pledge ourselves anew to consecrated service, taking our places as God would use us in the work of His Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT A. WHITTEN,
MRS. B. F. FRANK,
MRS. E. J. ROHART,
Committee.

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by E. A. Showalter, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Finance, recommend the payment of the following bills: Printing of programs, $12.00; Salary of secretary, $20.00; Salary of treasurer, $10.00;

Expenses of president, $5.00; Literature for stewardship, $2.44; Postage for treasurer, $1.75.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. SHOWALTER,
RUSSELL SMITH,
O. A. BAZZLE,
Committee.

In lieu of the Nominating Committee's report, a motion carried that the present officers be re-elected to serve for the coming conference year, 1952-53. They are:

President—K. B. Dofflemyer.
Vice-President—R. E. Newton.
Secretary—Clarence A. Phillips.
Assistant Secretary—E. J. Rohart.
Treasurer—O. W. Andes.

Revs. S. E. Madren and R. E. Newton were re-elected delegates to the Virginia Council of Churches.

The Executive Committee accepted the invitation of Bethlehem to entertain the 1952-53 session of the Conference. The Committee on Place received no invitation at Conference. The date of the next annual session of Conference will be on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, which is October 14, 15, 1953.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

Benediction..

K. B. DOFFLEMYER, *President*,
C. A. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES—1952-53.

Executive—K. B. Dofflemyer, Clarence A. Phillips, Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. R. A. Whitten, Roy A Larrick.

Ministry—R. A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, S. E. Madren, E. J. Rohart, Ralph M. Galt.

Foreign Missions—R. E. Newton, Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Miss Verdie Showalter.

Home Missions—R. O. Rothgeb, C. W. Louderback, M. A. Dofflemyer, E. A. Showalter, C. A. Phillips, J. M. Lohr, Mrs. Harold Rhodes, Russell Smith, Leyburn Brill, O. W. Andes, S. E. Madren, E. J. Rohart, K. T. Rothgeb.

Stewardship—E. J. Rohart, E. F. Showalter, O. A. Bazzle.

Evangelism—S. E. Madren, R. E. Newton, Ralph M. Galt.

Religious Literature—Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. N. F. Painter, Miss Ella Pickering.

Apportionment—E. A. Showalter, Roy A. Larrick, B. F. McDaniel, Mrs. Tom Good, M. A. Dofflemyer.

Laymen's Fellowship—Roy A. Larrick, K. B. Dofflemyer, H. E. Liskey.

Social Action—K. T. Rothgeb, N. W. Morris, Mrs. Austin Kipps.

Moral Reform—Ralph M. Galt, Mrs. Gaylon Salyards, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. E. J. Rohart.

Sunday Schools—S. E. Madren.

Conference Missions Secretary—R. O. Rothgeb.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Fuller, Walter B.—Business. Christian testimony before Conference.

Galt, Ralph M.—Churches: Bethlehem, Concord, Palmyra, Wissler's Chapel Wood's Chapel; sermons, 136; members received, 33; special prayer meetings, 9; baptisms, 26; addresses, 4; funerals, 8; revivals, 5; pastoral calls, 925; church business meetings, 74; teaching ministry, occasions 60; salary, $3,000.00.

Harman, Henry V.—Church, Timber Ridge and pastor-at-large; sermons, 24; addresses, 1; funerals, 1; revivals, 2; salary to date, $675.00. Work began July 1, 1952.

Madren, Silas E.—Churches: Bethel, Mt. Olivet (G), Mt. Olivet (R); prayer meetings, 15; sermons, 110; members received, 15; conversions, 12; addresses, 4; baptisms, 10; funerals, 15; weddings, 12; revivals, 3; salary, $3,000.00.

Newton, R. E.—Churches: Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport; sermons, 124; conversions, 32; members received, 32; revivals, 5; prayer meetings, 40; addresses, 2; weddings, 10; funerals, 15; salary, $3,152.70.

Rohart, Emerson J.—Churches: Linville, Antioch, Mayland, New Hope, Beulah; sermons, 172; conversions, 14; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 10; weddings, 3; funerals, 10; revivals, 5; salary, $3,000.00.

Whitten, Robert A.—Church, Winchester; sermons, 98; conversions, 10; members received, 12; prayer meetings, 40; addresses, 8; weddings, 323; funerals, 23; salary, $3,000.00

ORDAINED.

Madren, James W.—Church, (Wakefield Parish (E. Va.)) Barrett's, Burton's Grove, Dendron, Wakefield; began work here August 22, 1952; sermons, 14; members received, 13; conversions, 11; prayer meetings, 2; ordained October 16, 1952.

LICENTIATE.

Painter, Page—Senior, Elon College; licensed October 16, 1952.

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TUEDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 10:00 o'clock by the President, Rev. Fred P. Register.

Devotional Service conducted by Rev. R. T. Grissom.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—J. Frank Apple, Emory M. Carter, *Fred B. Eutsler, W. Clay Farrell, Raymond T. Grissom, William A. Grissom, *Robert Lee House, *J. Britten Howard, Richard L. Jackson, *J. Lee Johnson, Kenneth M. Lindner, *S. Wade Marr, Will B. O'Neill, W. L. Parker, E. M. Powell, Fred P. Register, *William R. Steininger, George M. Tally, Carl E. Wallace, William L. Wood.

Local or Conference Ordination—William A. Rich.

Student at Elon College—John P. Littiken.

NOTE: Ministers designated by an asterisk (*) did not attend Conference,

Churches and Delegates.

Amelia—T. N. Daughtry, Mrs. T. N. Daughtry, Mrs. Mrs. Vera Eatman.
Antioch—Ida Lockerman, Mrs. S. R. Jones, Jr., Mrs. S. R. Jones, Sr.
Auburn—Mrs. Gladys Allen, Mrs. Vernie Poole, Mrs. A. J. Ford.
Bethlehem—Myrth Gray, Annie Louise Apragin.
Bethel—
Beulah—D. L. Moody, C. J. Perry, Mrs. A. W. Watkins.
Catawba Springs—
Chapel Hill—S. H. Basnight, Mrs. S. H. Basnight.
Christian Chapel—Edd Dickens, J. W. Poe, Mrs. J. W. Poe.
Christian Light—Mrs. Bickett Arnold, Mrs. Clarence Hardee.
Clayton—
Damascus—William Crabtree, Henry Bowden.
Ebenezer—Reported.
Fayetteville—Mrs. Kenneth Lindner.
Fuller's Chapel—Elie Grissom, LeRoy Wood, T. T. Becham.
Good Hope—Mrs. Vee Mitchell, Mrs. Margaret Davis.
Hayes Chapel—Mrs. Leonard Stone, Mrs. Connie Campbell, Mrs. Dollie Stirwalt.
Henderson—R. P. W. Seaman, Mrs. R. P. W. Seaman, Mrs. A. S. Newman.
Hope Mills—Reported.
Lebanon—C. B. Hart, Z. V. Cox.

Lee's Chapel—M. M. Buchanan, J. R. Underwood.
Liberty-Vance—Mrs. J. D. Newman, Mrs. B. M. Newman, Miss Margaret Alston.
Martha's Chapel—Otis Council, Mrs. Otis Council.
Moore Union—John Griffin, Mrs. John Griffin, Mrs. Virgil Kelly.
Morrisville—J. F. Hilliard, Mrs. J. F. Hilliard.
Mt. Auburn—J. Allen Kimball, John A. Wilson, W. B. Ellington, C. H. Mitchell.
Mt. Carmel—Mrs. John Hight, Mrs. Hollis Mitchell.
Mt. Gilead—Mrs. J. B. Hight, Miss Estelle Tharrington.
Mt. Hermon—J. E. Branch, Mrs. J. E. Branch, Mrs. Guy Smith.
New Elam—G. M. Wamble, R. L. Trotter.
New Hope—Mrs. Carl Wallace, Mrs. Eleanor Wheleas, Mrs. J. C. Hoyle, Aaron Arnold.
Niagara—
Oak Level—W. H. Hudson.
O'Kelly's Chapel—Reported.
Piney Plain—D. I. Stephenson, Mrs. D. I. Stephenson.
Pleasant Hill—Carl Dixon.
Pleasant Union—
Plymouth—W. B. Rowland, S. H. Ball, Elmo Partin.
Pope's Chapel—Miss Ethel Holmes.
Raleigh—Miss Susie Allen, Dr. Richard A. King.
Sanford—A. H. McIver, Mrs. A. H. McIver.
Shallow Well—F. B. Morgan, Mrs. W. E. Cox, Mrs. Robert Watson, Mrs. Walter Hein, S. S. Thomas.
Six Forks—Inactive.
Southern Pines—
Turner's Chapel—E. S. Wicker, Mrs. J. M. Smith.
Wake Chapel—Mrs. Rex Powell, Mrs. C. A. Ballentine, Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Jonny McKinney.
Wentworth—Mrs. Wilton Fish, Miss Annie Willis, J. M. Hines.
Youngsville—Mrs. E. M. Carter.

The following visitors were introduced to the conference: Dr. W. T. Scott, the Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Rev. T. Fred Wright, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, and Dr. N. G. Newman, of the Eastern Virginia Conference; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College.

The following new ministers were introduced: Rev. William A. Grissom, Rev. William A. Rich and Mr. Carl J. Dixon.

The Program Committee presented the program which was adopted as the order of business during the session of conference, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented and by motion was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee met at the Christian Church, Clayton, N. C., it having been reported that the Rev. J. L. Atkins, a Baptist minister was pastor of the

church and, after due consideration it was decided that it would be best that he continue for the rest of the year, ending October 21, 1952.

At this same meeting an order was given for $271.92 to pay the Ministerial Insurance for the year 1952. Also an order for $50.00 was given to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

It was voted that the Conference Treasurer pay insurance premiums on all regularly called pastors who are members of this conference and serving churches within the bounds of the Southern Convention; and, whose churches pay in full their conference apportionments.

The Committee met during the Southern Convention at Durham and voted to recognize the Rev. W. L. Parker, pastor of the United Church, Raleigh, N. C., who presented a certificate of ordination from the North Carolina Missionary Convention—the State Group of the Diciples of Christ Church. We so recommend him to conference as an ordained minister in good and regular standing.

Rev. William A. Rich, with Conference Ordination, presented a certificate from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. Upon the recommendation he was received and is so recommended to the Conference.

F. P. REGISTER,
E. M. CARTER,
WILL B. O'NEILL,
Committee.

The Treasurer's report was presented as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

On hand October 15, 1951	$ 174.14
By Conference Fund and Insurance to October 15, 1952	1,242.20
	$1,416.34

DISBURSEMENTS.

November 1, 1951, to Rev. E. M. Carter, service and postage	$ 56.76	
November 1, 1951, to Rev. R. T. Grissom, expenses	22.72	
February 15, 1952, to Southern Convention, pastors' insurance	642.72	
March 10, 1952, North Carolina Council of Churches	50.00	
March 12, 1952, Rev. W. M. Stevens, expenses	15.00	
May 10, 1952, for publishing Annuals	130.83	
May 27, 1952, balance on pastors' insurance	13.00	
October 10, 1952, 400 Programs	17.00	
October 10, 1952, Registration cards	15.00	
October 10, 1952, 10 Receipt Books	12.50	
		975.53
October 15, 1952, Balance on hand		$ 440.81

W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer.*

By motion the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The President appointed the following Special Committees:

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Nominations—Rev. Carl Wallace, Mrs. W. B. O'Neill, I. H. Vickery.
Place—W. B. Rowland, Carl Dixon, Rev. W. C. Farrell.
Press—Rev. J. Frank Apple, Miss Susie Allen, Rev. Kenneth Lindner.
Resolutions—Rev. W. A. Grissom, Luther Walker, T. N. Daughtry.
Finance—A. H. McIver, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Thelred Becham.
Memoirs—Rev. R. L. Jackson, Dr. W. T. Scott.

Dr. Will B. O'Neill brought greetings from Dr. R. Lee House who has been ill for some time.

Dr. House having been ill for some time, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill was asked to prepare the report on Christian Education.

Dr. L. E. Smith spoke on "Elon College and Its Relation to the Church."

Mrs. S. H. Basnight spoke on, "The Sustaining Fund for the College."

Mr. I. H. Vickery spoke on, "The Campaign for the College."

The report on Education and the Standing of the Ministry was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND STANDING OF THE MINISTRY.

To say that we live in a world of unparalleled material advancement may be trite, but it is nevertheless true. So true, in fact, that it brings tingle to the blood when we think in terms of man's achievements in the modern world. The ancients had their "Seven Wonders" but they are puny in comparison with the wonders of man's progress in the world of today. This thing we call progress has invaded every area of man's life changing his patterns of though and action. Today, we have the miracle that is television, bringing to life in our own living rooms things that transpire a thousand miles away. Transportation, jet-propelled, which will be obsolete tomorrow, that annihilates time and space. The marvellous healing properties of the "miracle" drugs. A new agriculture, scientific and mechanized which has produced miracles in production. And what more shall we say? We live in the midst of a people of trained minds and skilled hands and to meet the spiritual needs of such a people we must have trained leaders who will command their intellectual respect. It is futile, perhaps fatuous, to think that the church is exempt from the march of progress, that its approach to life must ever remain unchanged. The minister who never reads a new book on some phase of his work, or who never finds some new techniques to make for a more effective ministry will find that life has passed him by. If this is a world of unparalleled material advancement it is also a day of unparalleled opportunity and challenge for the man of God to whom the ministry is a burning passion consuming the whole personality in unqualified loyalty and unquenchable zeal. Here is the call to modern youth! It is a call to high adventure! What greater vocation could there be than that of being the messenger of God's redeeming love to a world clever, but so conscious of the need of an inner peace which progress cannot give.

Your committee met during the sessions of the Southern Convention at Durham, and with the approval of the Executive Committee received into full membership the Reverend William L. Parker who presented satisfactory credentials from the North Carolina Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ. It received also, with the consent of the Executive Committee, the Reverend William A. Rich, who presented credentials from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference as having local ordination, and he was accorded the same standing in this Conference.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That John P. Littiken be continued as a member of the Biblical Class on transfer from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. That Robert A. McLean be continued as a licentiate for another year.

2. That Carl J. Dixon be received as a candidate for the ministry with the understanding that he undertakes, and satisfactorily complete a prescribed course of study.

3. That the Reverend Raymond T. Grissom be granted a letter of transfer to the Western North Carolina Conference.

4. That the Reverend William A. Grissom be received into full membership pending the receipt of his transfer from the Eastern Virginia Conference.

WILL B. O'NEILL,
E. M. CARTER,
R. T. GRISSOM,
Committee.

Dr. H. S. Hardcastle spoke "Concerning the Ministry."

Conference adjourned for lunch. Benediction and the Blessing was given by Rev. E. M. Powell.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference was called to order by the President.

Devotional Services were conducted by Rev. Geo. M. Tally.

Dr. W. T. Scott spoke on "Things to Come."

The report on Evangelism was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The Church today is struggling in a world of fear and unrest. Paganism is growing in socalled Christian lands. In our own nation there has been a terrible lowering of moral standards.

The Church is the most powerful organization in the world today. It will not fail, though we may fail it. Christ has declared that the "gates of hell" shall not prevail against it.

The supreme task of the Church is evangelism. Jesus came into the world to seek and to save that which is lost. He is depending upon the Church to carry out His plan and purpose here in the world. One of the greatest needs of the Church is a reconsecration of its members and a rededication to this great cause. Too long we have failed to do our best. We have been at "ease in Zion." So few members have really been interested in the salvation of the lost or in the spiritual development of their own lives. Let us first of all pray for the oneness that will bring a pentecost and take seriously the words of Isaiah 52:1—"Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem." Then second, pray the Lord of the harvest, that He may send laborers into the field that is ripe unto harvest, and in helping to answer that prayer say, "Here am I, send me."

The Southern Convention "Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life with the Chairman of each Conference Committee on Evangelism" met in Henderson, N. C., September 23, 1952, made and approved the following recommendations which we wish to present to you for your consideration and adoption:

1. That we have a special Evangelism Period throughout the Convention, beginning February 25, 1953, and running through Easter Sunday.
2. That every church have some special evangelistic emphasis during this period as:
   a. Preaching mission.
   b. Revival meeting.
   c. A carefully worked out program of visitation evangelism.
   d. Pastor's Class.
3. That we emphasize church attendance.
4. That we acquaint people with the Principles and Government of our church.

GEO. M. TALLEY,
J. FRANK APPLE,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. J. Frank Apple and by motion the report was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

If you will examine your year book for 1951, you will discover a startling and a significant thing. During that year, which is the last one of which we have any record, the people of the churches of the Eastern North Carolina Conference have contributed the total sum of $128,526 for the work of the church. According to this

same report, $5,667.00—or four and one-half per cent—went to support our home and foreign missionary program combined. That means that, of every dollar given to the work of the church last year, only four and one-half cents went to help establish new churches and to carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Last year I heard a speaker say that the membership of the Congregational Christian Churches in North Carolina and Virginia was slowly declining and that many churches were either dead or slowly dying. Can this be the reason?

Jesus said, "He who seeks to have his life will lose it, but he who loses his life for my sake shall find it." I am in sympathy with the needs of our local churches, with our institutions, the college and the orphanage and they must have our support, *but,* unless we have the vision to look beyond ourselves and our own borders, we shall all come under the classification of unprofitable servants.

One of the evils of an apportionment system is the way church people will strive hard to pay their apportionment and then when it is paid, they will quit. They'll then sit back and take their ease, saying, like the Pharisee, "O God, we thank thee we are not as other churches. We're paid in full." And they'll get the Pharisee's reward.

I challenge you, every person here today, to go back to your local church determined next year to go the second mile. Call a meeting of your church, start a fire under your minister or your official board—and challenge them to get busy. The Evangelization of the World is the greatest job before us today. Four and a half per cent for others and ninety-five and a half per cent for ourselves isn't enough. Let's double or triple our giving for Missions next year.

The church I serve did that this past year and we've never had so much for ourselves. If only we had the faith to believe the words of Jesus, "Give and it will be given you," why we'd railse not $5,000.00 but $50,000.00. And in so doing, we'd not only save our own lives, but we'd no longer have to worry about dying churches and lukewarm Christians and not having enough for ourselves.

When you go back home, remember, the responsibility is entirely on your shoulders. If you don't do it, no one else will. And if your faith is weak, and if your church dies, and if, for lack of funds our Christian World Mission doesn't act fast enough to save us from another World War—well, you know where the blame lies.

But I believe that many of you, when you get back home, will do everything in your power to increase your giving to Missions for the year ahead. To you, I say, God bless you and help you and multiply your efforts a hundred fold.

RICHARD L. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

The report was discussed by Rev. R. L. Jackson and Dr. W. T. Scott and by motion the report was adopted.

The report on Apportionments was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We recommend for acceptance by all churches in the Conference, the amounts suggested by the Southern Christian Convention, as shown on the accompanying apportionment table.

Again this year we wish to stress the importance of paying apportionments in the period designated. Past experience and records prove the value of this practice.

A. H. MCIVER,
R. T. GRISSOM,
H. W. JOHNSON,
Committee.

Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Southern Convention, spoke on "The Larger Faith."

By motion the report on Apportionments was adopted.

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1952-53.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Fund	Convention Home Missions and Church Extension Fund	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarships	Christian Sun	National Board of Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	1952-53 Total
Amelia	$ 52	$ 22	$ 7	$ 22	$ 22	$ 4	$ 3	$ 19	$ 21	$ 10	$ 31	$ 213
Antioch	36	13	7	17	17	4	2	11	11	10	24	152
Auburn	84	41	14	48	48	7	6	36	40	10	36	370
Bethel	52	22	7	22	22	3	3	19	21	3	10	184
Bethlehem	33	9	3	6	6	2	2	8	9	8	15	101
Beulah	52	22	7	18	18	2	3	19	21	29	52	243
Catawba Springs	94	42	15	91	91	7	9	37	41	13	51	491
Chapel Hill	69	30	11	34	34	6	5	26	29	5	23	272
Christian Chapel	61	27	9	31	31	7	4	24	27	13	32	266
Christian Light	71	34	14	45	45	6	5	30	32	16	40	338
Clayton	61	27	11	33	33	4	4	24	25	13	13	248
Damascus	61	26	9	29	29	2	4	23	25	9	18	235
Ebenezer	69	29	11	45	45	4	5	25	27	13	40	313
Fayetteville—Eutaw	52	23	15	25	25	3	5	20	18	3	10	199
Fuller's Chapel	69	27	9	33	33	5	4	24	27	12	30	273
Good Hope	42	19	7	18	18	3	3	16	18	10	20	174
Hayes Chapel	42	19	7	18	18	2	3	16	18	6	16	165
Henderson	100	48	20	94	94	9	10	42	45	25	61	548
Hope Mills	42	24	9	28	28	2	3	21	24	4	12	197
Lebanon	38	15	5	18	18	2	2	13	14	4	14	143
Lee's Chapel	38	15	5	19	19	3	3	13	14	6	16	151
Liberty, Vance	232	129	45	216	216	20	23	114	127	36	101	1,259
Martha's Chapel	38	16	7	12	12	2	2	15	14	8	14	140
Moore Union	48	23	9	12	12	4	4	20	21	10	23	186
Morrisville	31	13	9	21	21	5	3	11	9	5	16	144
Mt. Auburn	107	62	30	91	91	8	9	54	54	10	36	552
Mt. Carmel	48	22	7	21	21	3	3	19	21	10	23	198
Mt. Gilead	82	41	14	34	34	6	5	36	40	18	36	346
Mt. Hermon	42	19	7	34	34	2	3	16	18	8	22	205
New Elam	117	62	18	62	62	9	9	54	63	29	58	543
New Hope	61	28	11	30	30	5	4	25	27	23	49	293
Niagara	25	10	4	10	10	7	2	9	9	3	19	108
Oak Level	61	28	11	31	31	5	4	25	27	10	29	262
O'Kelly's Chapel	25	5	1	5	5	1	2	5	6	3	7	65
Piney Plain	88	41	14	52	52	6	6	36	40	8	23	366
Pleasant Hill	48	23	9	39	39	4	4	20	21	9	15	231
Pleasant Union	73	41	14	61	61	3	6	36	40	16	27	378
Plymouth	48	23	9	39	39	4	4	20	21	14	24	245
Pope's Chapel	61	27	9	36	36	5	4	24	27	10	24	263
Raleigh	127	72	23	73	73	10	10	63	72	32	58	613
Sanford	92	45	14	82	82	7	9	39	45	21	47	483
Shallow Well	84	41	14	54	54	6	7	36	40	18	49	403
Six Forks	29	10	4	7	7	1	2	9	9	13	3	94
Southern Pines	71	45	14	63	63	8	10	39	45	21	57	436
Turner's Chapel	48	23	9	42	42	.....	5	20	21	8	24	242
Wake Chapel	146	78	20	220	220	15	18	69	82	23	68	959
Wentworth	48	26	14	56	56	3	5	22	21	10	24	285
Youngsville	40	17	9	15	15	3	4	15	14	5	12	149
Totals	$3,138	$1,504	$ 551	$2,112	$2,112	$ 239	$ 255	$1,317	$1,441	$ 603	$1,452	$ 14,724

The report on Stewardship was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Our Lord said in Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you."

We must put first things first. But without the new birth, no one can enter or even see the kingdom of God. John 3:3—"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

This miracle of the new birth is a work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the individual, when that one, by the grace of God through faith, receives Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. John 1·12—"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Therefore, we believe the first and most important work of the church today, is carrying the Gospel to those who are lost. "For . . . the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Christian stewardship is more than giving our money, it is the full consecration of ourselves to God. The first disciples forsook all and followed Jesus. After his conversion, Zacchaeus said that he was giving half his goods to the poor.

"Where there is no vision the people perish." We believe there is need in our Congregational Christian Churches for a new vision, that will bring a deeper consecration, of our time, our talents, and our material blessings to God. (1) We need, like Isaiah, to see the Lord high and lifted up. (2) We need to see our selves and our own need. (3) We need to see the millions at home and abroad, who have never yet been reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And then say, with Isaiah, "Here am I Lord, send me."

We are glad to report that many of our churches are making progress. Some are adopting a budget for the first time this year, others have increased their giving by setting definite goals for the year. However, many of our churches and our conference still suffer temporal and spiritual poverty, because we have not given to God that which is His. We have sown sparingly, and are now reaping sparingly.

All who long to see the Lord's work financially unhampered will certainly agree. Proportional giving is Scriptural, business-like and effective.

We recommend:

1. That greater emphasis be placed on evangelism and stewardship.

2. That pastors declare the whole council of God which includes Christian stewardship.

3. That churches adopt some plan of finance, which will encourage regular and proportional tithing.

W. C. FARRELL,
CARY D. POWELL,
T. N. DAUGHTRY,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Rev. W. C. Farrell, and was adopted by motion.

The report on Home Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Because of our direct contact with church extension activity, we often confine home missionary reporting to this limited phase of work. Realizing the interest in this area, we will place the burden of this report therein, but first let us look at our home mission work as a whole.

Home mission contributions include funds to the following work: The American Missionary Society; Christian Education; Church Extension and Evangelism; Ministerial Relief; The Pilgrim Press. We contribute to these five phases of home missions through the section of our regular apportionments marked "Home Missions." It is

imperative, and this committee emphatically recommends, that each church of this conference endeavors to do all that is reasonably possible to fulfill the minimum obligation as established by our apportionments. When a surplus of funds is realized by any of our stronger churches this committee suggests serious consideration be given to the plan of sending regular gifts to the Board of Home Missions. Certain phases of home mission work are limited only by the amount of funds available.

The depression of the thirties made an almost indelible stamp upon our churches in this area. A few of our urban churches have been able to erase these marks in part, but because of the fact that the overwhelming majority of our work is rural, we have responded very slowly as a conference. Lack of progress has been due mainly to a lack of leadership and a "depressionary" philosophy. Today our churches need not look backward. With modern transportation allowing rural church members to work in town and live near their home churches, a new day is dawning for the Eastern North Carolina Conference. With the increase economy of the average farmer in this section our rural churches have unlimited financial resources with which to build and organize. There is truly a new day for us but certain bridges must be crossed. Closer grouping, new and better equipment and trained leadership are only a few of our needs at home if we are to blossom forth into a full grown conference for God. To meet our needs we must have financial support as a conference. We have failed, and are continuing to fail, because we have no substantial funds with which to support or subsidize men in the field until work can develop. Franklinton and Raleigh bespeak of fading opportunities because of a lack of funds. Many of our churches in the north and south Raleigh areas are only existing when they should be expanding because of a lack of service due mainly to a lack of funds. Have we an answer to these home mission problems?

This committee recommends the following considerations be given by our churches if our situation is to improve:

1. Complete cooperation with the Home Mission program and apportionments of our denomination.

2. Increased cooperation by individuals and groups in contributing to our Conference Missionary Association.

3. Unhesitant dispersion of funds by the C. M. A. for subsidizing pastors in our conference when better church grouping is the goal.

4. Complete cooperation with the "Church Building and Loan Fund Campaign" being launched this year by our church group.

CARL WALLACE, *Chairman,*
MRS. J. A. CAMPBELL,
KENNETH M. LINDNER,
Committee.

Rev. Eric Braund spoke on the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.

The following resolutions were read by Rev. Carl E. Wallace, which were adopted as follows:

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND CAMPAIGN.

In accordance with the action of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention in approving the Convention quota of $135,000.00 in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign of $4,500,000.00 authorized by the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Southern Convention that the Eastern North Carolina Conference accept a quota of $17,690.00 in this campaign.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Conference accept the recommended quota.

2. That the Conference hereby designate as its campaign committee the following persons:

Chairman—I. H. Vickery, Henderson, N. C.
Associate Chairman—Mrs. Carl Wallace, R. 1, Louisburg, N. C.

Associate Chairman—Rev. W. A. Grissom, R. 1, Henderson, N. C.
Members-at-Large—Rev. R. L. House, Southern Pines, N. C.; Prof. L. L. Vaughan, 11 Enterprise St., Raleigh, N. C.; Mr. S. H. Basnight, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mr. A. H. McIver, Sanford, N. C.
Ex-Officio—Rev. Fred P. Register, Varina, N. C.

3. That the active solicitation of funds for this campaign begin March 1, 1953.

4. That the Conference Campaign Committee allocate quotas to the several churches of the Conference, and with the Convention and National Campaign Committees, promote the purposes of the Campaign to a successful conclusion.

The Nominating Committee presented its report as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Nominations makes the following nominations:

President—Rev. Fred P. Register.
Vice-President—Dr. Will B. O'Neill.
Secretary—Rev. Richard L. Jackson.
Treasurer—Mr. W. J. Ballentine.

Two laymen-at-large for the Executive Committee:
T. M. Daughtery and J. Allen Kimball.

Two representatives for the North Carolina Council of Churches:
Rev. W. L. Parker and Rev. William A. Grissom.

REV. CARL E. WALLACE,
I. H. VICKERY,
MRS. WILL B. O'NEILL,
Committee.

By motion the Secretary was authorized to cast the vote of the conference and declared the nominees elected unanimously to their respective offices.

By motion the conference, by a rising vote, expressed thanks for the twenty years of service of the retiring Secretary.

Shallow Well was chosen, by vote, as the place of the 1953 session.

Conference adjourned to meet at 7:00 P. M., and was announced that the ladies will serve dinner in the Sunday school rooms.

Rev. R. L. Jackson pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

A film, "Basis of the Blueprint," showing the activity of the Church Building Society was given.

Rev. William A. Grissom conducted the devotional service and preached the Conference Sermon.

Rev. W. L. Wood and Rev. William A. Rich conducted the Communion Service assisted by Rev. J. Frank Apple, Dr. Will B. O'Neill, Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner and Rev. T. Fred Wright.

Benediction by Rev. William A. Rich.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order by the President.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. L. Parker.

Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, was introduced and he spoke of the orphanage and its work.

Miss Bettie Burt Hight, President of the Conference Youth Fellowship, gave a report of the organization.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill spoke of the Christian Education of the Southern Christian Convention.

In the absence of Dr. Robert Lee House, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill gave the report on Christian Education which reads as follows:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian Education is basic to our church growth and effectiveness. The Sunday School is a constant source of influence and training. To be as effective as we should with all age groups—from the youngest children to our oldest members—requires our best thinking, planning and efforts.

Your Committee wishes to commend the churches for their new Sunday school rooms and equipment expressing their concerning for Christian Education; and for the increased interest in the selection and use of good literature and other materials.

We realize the need in our Conference for more Leadership Training and recommend that individual churches and groups of churches work with the Convention Board of Christian Education, the Conference Sunday School Convention and the Committee on Christian Education in setting up Training Schools and classes.

We further recommend that the churches make a special effort to have young people attend the Conference Rallies, and the Summer Camps and Conferences for their inspiration, development and fellowship with other Christian young people.

Undergirding all of our work and indispensable through the years has been our Church College. We urge Elon College's support in the following ways:

1. By sending our church young people to Elon College.
2. By paying the annual college apportionment and sustaining fund.
3. By urging our church constituency to support the two and one-half million dollar campaign for the college, believing the success of the campaign will insure the needed expansion at the college at this time.

R. L. HOUSE, *Chairman.*
By PATTIE LEE COGHILL.

The report on Religious Literature was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Religious literature has been given a tremendous boost recently with the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. It was heralded via press, radio, television, pulpit and schools. Already some have assailed its content and form, but it is not the *one* and *only*, it is not to supplant the King James Version, but is prepared for us in our age. We heartily recommend its use in the pulpit and the home.

Public schools throughout the nation have been holding Book Fairs to which parents and teachers were invited to see the type of books being used and available for children in these days. They covered a wide range from first readers to handbooks on chemistry and early steps to nuclear studies. Perhaps the churches and church schools

should hold Book and Literature Fairs to show the people what we have. Do you know . . . ?

Friendship Press in New York offers a wide selection of religious, missionary and friendly service books. Let us emphasize again the value of using our own Sunday school literature. It is among the finest in our nation and is of a higher standard than some of the lesser known and cheaper publishing houses. Look at the cover—is it subdued and artistic, or loud and garish? Look at the contents . . . is it for children or religious drivel suited to child-like adults. Study available literature, if you don't like what we have to offer, then look over a wide range and pick the very best for your children. Some of them will know God and Christ the rest of their lives by what they read in your school next Sunday. Comics of the Sunday Pix type are very popular and make interesting reading for the comic-charmed middle-agers.

For our Convention *The Christian Sun* still remains our foremost piece of literature. It carries current accounts of local, state, convention and national happenings. Currently it is running an excellent series on the New Version. It is not accidental that churches with the best reports—financial and otherwise—are those that subscribe to and read *The Sun.*

Have you ever stood on the street corner and handed out religious literature? Probably not, but it is a good habit to cultivate. Take your church bulletin to a non-member. Give a friend a copy of *The Sun.* There is a wealth of free material. Ask your minister to tell you about it. Some of the fields covered are: churchmanship, evangelism, stewardship, devotional life, and race relations.

MRS. ROBERT LEE HOUSE, *Chairman.*

Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, Executive Director of the North Carolina Council of Churches was introduced and gave a report of the work of the Council.

Rev. Carl Key was introduced and he gave a preview of the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

The report of Committee on Memoirs was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Deacon J. A. Kimball, a life-long member of Mt. Auburn Christian Church departed this life February 23, 1952, in his 85th year. Brother Kimball served his local church in many official capacities, and served for more than twenty years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College.

BE IT RESOLVED that this session of Conference stand in tribute to this good man.

RICHARD L. JACKSON,
W. T. SCOTT,
Committee.

By motion the report was adopted by rising with a moment of silence.

The report on Superannuation was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The relief work among our retired ministers, ministers' widows and dependents is supported by the Board of Superannuation through our National Division of Home Missions, New York. Money contributed for Superannuation through the apportionment is paid by the churches direct to the Convention Office. The Convention remits all funds received to our New York office, and regular checks are mailed to our pensioners. We regret to say that our contributions to the Division of Ministerial Relief are considerably below the amounts which they in turn pay to our pensioners.

We urge our churches to pay in full the apportionment for Superannuation and exceed it if possible. We ask each church to see that their pastor is a member in the Annuity Fund. We also urge every church to receive a Special Christmas Offering for our aged ministers, the Veterans of the Cross. This offering constitutes a fund from which extra checks are sent to our retired ministers; also to cases of hardship or

sickness. Again, I must say, we are receiving more than we are giving, so we urge our people to support the Christmas Fund in addition to the regular apportionment.

I. H. VICKERY,
A. GLENDON JOHNSON,
W. H. MASTERS,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer announced that he had collected $307.00 at this session.

By motion the report of the Executive Committee was recalled, and amended to read:

That the Conference Treasurer pay insurance premiums on all regularly called pastors who are members of this conference and serve churches within the bounds of the Southern Convention, and whose churches pay in full their Conference Fund.

Moved: That the Eastern North Carolina Conference approve and adopt the Amendments to the Principles and Government of the Southern Convention as adopted by the 1952 session of the Convention and that the *Manual* of the Convention continue to be the official handbook of the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

The Resolutions Committee reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, the Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

1. That we express our gratitude to the pastor and the people of this church for their hospitality, cordial fellowship, abundant food and open homes provided for the pleasure of this Conference.

2. That we duly thank the President, Rev. Fred Register, officers and leaders for the careful preparation and hours of labor which have gone into this program for our pleasure and enlightenment.

3. That we express our sincere appreciation to the speakers on our program for their timely and inspiring messages.

4. That we express our deep and abiding sympathy to the family and friends of the late J. A. Kimball a life-long member of this church, a leader in this Conference, a trustee of Elon College in every sense a Christian gentleman. His loss from our fellowship will be keenly felt.

5. That we commend our worthy Secretary, Rev. E. M. Carter, for his diligence in the strenuous duties as secretary of this Conference for the past twenty years.

6. That we express our regrets of the absence of Dr. Robert Lee House who is recuperating from a recent illness and rejoice that his condition is greatly improving, and greetings be sent to him by the Secretary.

7. That the delegates to this conference be urged to make a thorough report of the actions of this session of Conference to their respective churches, and that the delegates and ministers make a conscientious effort to carry out the plans and suggestions made by this Conference for the coming year.

W. A. GRISSOM
LUTHER WALKER
T. N. DAUGHTRY,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Moved and carried that the Resolutions Committee be charged with the responsibility of preparing suitable resolutions in honor of Rev. E. M.

Carter, Secretary, retiring after twenty years of service, and that said resolutions be printed in *The Christian Sun.*

Moved and carried that the minutes of the Conference be published in THE ANNUAL and that we purchase 150 copies, to be distributed as before: one copy to each pastor, one to chairmen of committees and to the churches.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, have checked the records of the Treasurer and find them to be correct.

We recommend payment of $50.00 to Rev. E. M. Carter for his services as Secretary, and that a contribution of $50.00 be made to the North Carolina Council of Churches.

We also recommend payment of all expenses incurred by the officers in connection with their duties of the Conference, and other expenses incidental to this session of the Conference.

A. H. McIVER,
R. T. GRISSOM,
T. T. BECHAM,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

It was moved that we have just one day of the Conference session. After some discussion, it was referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration and that the committee bring a report to the next session of Conference.

It was moved and carried that Conference adjourn to meet with the Shallow Well Church on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1953, at 10:00 A. M.

Benediction by Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner.

FRED P. REGISTER, *President.*
E. M. CARTER, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—Fred P. Register, W. B. O'Neill, R. L. Jackson, J. Allan Kymball, T. N. Daughtry.

Education and Standing of the Ministry—Will B. O'Neill, R. L. House, W. L. Wood, J. F. Apple, Carl Wallace.

Christian Education—R. L. House, W. L. Wood, K. M. Lindner.

Superannuation—I. H. Vickery, W. H. Masters, A. Glendon Johnson.

Home Missions—Carl Wallace, E. M. Carter, W. L. Parker.

Foreign Missions—R. L. Jackson, Miss Margaret Alston, Mrs. C. A. Ballentine.

Apportionments—S. H. Basnight, A. H. McIver, W. A. Grissom.

Stewardship—W. C. Farrell, C. D. Howell, Jr., T. N. Daughtry.

Evangelism—J. F. Apple, G. M. Calley, Charles Austin.

Social Action—W. A. Grissom, E. M. Powell, W. A. Rich.

Religious Literature—Mrs. R. L. House, Mrs. R. M. Cline, Mrs. Samuel Coghill.

Program—Fred Register, W. B. O'Neill, R. L. Jackson, R. L. House.

Representatives to North Carolina Council of Churches—W. L. Parker, W. A. Grissom.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Apple, J. Frank—Churches, Henderson, Mt. Carmel; sermons, 90; conversions, 16; members, 38; baptisms, 16; addresses, 6; weddings, 12; funerals, 1; salary, $3,250.00.

Carter, Emory M.—Churches, Mt. Vernon, Good Hope, Fuller's Chapel, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville; sermons, 92; conversions, 14; members, 38; baptisms, 14; weddings, 6; funerals, 22; salary $1,815.00.

Denton, James A.—No report.

Eutsler, Frederick B.—No report

Farrell, W. Clay—Churches, Auburn, Ebenezer, Hayes Chapel, Antioch (C); Wentworth; sermons, 43; professions, 41; members, 32; baptisms, 40; prayer meetings, 67; addresses, 3; weddings, 2; funerals, 13; salary, $2,250.00.

Grissom, Raymond T.—Churches, Hanks Chapel, New Elam, Shiloh; sermons, 130; members, 39; baptisms, 17; prayer meetings, 50; addresses, 2; weddings, 6; funerals, 13; salary, $2,600.00.

Howard, Britton J.—No report.

House, Robert Lee—Churches, Southern Pines and Hope Mills; sermons, 60; conversions, 6; members, 19; baptisms, 6; addresses, 8; weddings, 5; funerals, 4; salary, $4,560.00.

Jackson, Richard L.—Churches, Chapel; sermons, 49; conversions, 8; members, 43; baptisms, 15; addresses, 31; weddings, 1; funerals, 2; salary, $3,710.00.

Johnson, J. Lee—Churches, Bethel, Catawba Springs; sermons, 35; funerals, several; members, several.

Lindner, Kenneth M.—Churches, Eutaw Community; sermons, 103; conversions, several; members, 23; baptisms, 3; prayer meetings, 37; weddings, 31; salary, $3,031.00.

Marr, Wade S.—No report.

O'Neill, Wm. B.—Churches, Sanford; sermons, 36; members, 10; baptisms, 12; addresses, 4; weddings, 3; funerals, 3; salary, $3,600.00.

Parker, William L.—Churches, Elm Street, Disciples of Christ, Greensboro, part of the year, United Church, Raleigh; sermons, 75; members, 6; addresses, 25; weddings, 8; funerals, 9.

Powell, Elmo M.—Churches, Oak Level; sermons, 78; prayer meetings, 10; addresses, 8; weddings, 9; funerals, 5; salary, $400.00.

Register, Fred P.—Churches, Amelia, Lee's Chapel, Plymouth, Wake Chapel; sermons, 202; conversions, 60; members, 66; baptisms, 42; prayer meetings, 62; addresses, 3; weddings, 6; funerals, 8; salary, $3,305.00.

Steininger, William R.—No report.

Tally, George M.—Churches, Christian Light, Pleasant Hill, Christian Chapel, Lebanon, Mt. Pleasant, Moore Union; sermons, 163; conversions, many; members, 17; baptisms, 11; prayer meetings, 45; weddings, 1; funerals, 16.

Wallace, Carl E.—Churches, Beulah, New Hope; sermons, 114; conversions, 19; members, 33; baptisms, 19; prayer meetings, 100; weddings, 2; funerals, 6; salary, $2,200.00.

CONFERENCE ORDINATION

Rich, William A.—Churches, Damascus, Morrisville, Mt. Auburn; sermons, 52; members, 14; baptisms, 7; funerals, 2; salary $1,440.00.

MEMBERS OF THE BIBLICAL CLASS

Littiken, John P.—Churches, Martha's Chapel, O'Kelly's Chapel, Zion; sermons, 63; conversions, 20; members, 18; prayer meetings, 2; funerals, 1; salary, $861.00.

Dixon, Carl J.—Supply work and general Christian work. sermons, 35; conversions, 5; prayer meetings, many; funerals, 1.

Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirty-Second Annual Session of THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church
South Norfolk, Virginia
October 29-30, 1952

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its one hundred thirty-second annual session at the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church, South Norfolk, Virginia, on October 29 to October 30, 1952.

The conference was called to order by the president, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, at 10:00 A. M., on Wednesday. The opening hymn was led by the president, after which Rev. C. C. Thomas led the prayer for divine guidance.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

Enrollment.

Ministers—E. F. Brickhouse, R. E. Brittle, T. H. Britton, E. N. Clark, H. E. Crutchfield, J. H. Dollar, Melvin Dollar, E. T. Farrell, C. L. Fields, John Gallo, A. L. Granger, Jr., J. L. Griffin, H. S. Hardcastle, R. C. Helfenstein, I. W. Johnson, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., J. W. Madren, J. E. McCauley, D. D. Nash, J. E. Neese, N. G. Newman, S. W. Phillips, O. D. Poythress, W. T. Scott, L. E. Smith, W. P. Smith W. M. Stevens, R. E. Tally, M. E. Taylor, C. C. Thomas, J. G. Truitt, D. N. Vore.

Churches and Delegates.

Antioch—Mrs. D. B. Saunders, Mrs. Roger Edwards.
Barrett's—Mr. P. B. Barrett, Mrs. P. B. Barrett.
Berea (Nansemond)—Mrs. R. T. Bradford.
Bethlehem (Disputanta)—Mrs. Francis Kreynus, Mr. G. A. Rusnok.
Bethlehem (Nansemond)—Mrs. J. E. Harris, Mrs. R. O. Luter, Mr. C. F. Savage, Mr. Arthur Wilkins.
Burton's Grove—Mr. L. F. Logan, Mrs. L. F. Logan.
Centerville—Mrs. G. W. Hargrave, Mrs. J. C. Marniss.
Cypress Chapel—J. P. Byrd.
Dendron—Mrs. Garland Spratley, Mrs. Owen Whitmore.
Eure—John Arts, Mrs. C. N. Briscoe, Mrs. C. E. Eure.
Franklin—J. L. Eley, Mrs. E. P. Jones, Mrs. W. J. M. Holland, Mr. L. B. Norfleet.
Great Bridge (Berea)—Mrs. E. N. Hall, Mrs. J. H. LaMonte, Mrs. E. E. Waterfield.
Holland—J. P. Dalton, J. D. Rawles, Mrs. H. O. Swanner.
Holy Neck—Mrs. C. C. Copeland, Jr., Mrs. E. G. Harrell, Mrs. J. E. March, Miss Allie Lee Norfleet.

Hopewell—
Isle of Wight—
Johnson's Grove—Mrs. H. P. Beale, Mrs. W. B. Hancock.
Liberty Spring—Mrs. J. H. Dollar, Mrs. Wesley Harrell, Mrs. J. C. Lynch, Mrs. Joseph Savage.
Mt. Carmel—Mrs. Jasper, Mrs. Leonus Carr, O. V. Joyner.
Mt. Zion—
New Lebanon—
Newport News—W. H. Baker, Mrs. R. C. Luke, Mrs. L. L. Taylor, C. D. West.
Norfolk:
Bay View—Mrs. H. L. Forlines, Mrs. I. S. Morris.
Congregational Christian Temple—E. M. Albright, S. Ray Barrett, Mrs. J. M. Harris, Mrs. W. M. Stevens.
First—Mrs. Alice Hozier, Mrs. W. J. Thomas.
Little Creek—Mrs. M. E. Taylor.
Second—Mrs. M. D. Johnson, Mrs. A. D. Cooper.
Oak Grove—O. B. Powell, Mrs. Earl Taylor.
Oakland—Eva Mae Crittendon, Mrs. J. E. Gayle, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mary L. Powell.
Portsmouth:
Elm Avenue—Mr. B. P. Deans, Mrs. K. E. Russell.
First—E. Whitley, Mrs. E. Whitley.
Shelton Memorial—Mrs. Helen M. Briggs, Mrs. F. H. Lewis.
Richmond—J. T. Kernodle, R. C. Parsons, W. J. Stephenson.
South Norfolk—Mrs. A. L. Hanbury, R. D. Holland, Mrs. Bernetta Jarvis, L. L. Webb.
Rosemont—H. L. Bondurant, Mrs. J. D. Swink, Mrs. H. R. Morrison.
Spring Hill—Mrs. G. C. White.
Suffolk—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Mr. A. F. Richardson, Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Sr., F. A. Turner.
Sunbury (Damascus)—Mrs. Mary Sue Ashley, G. E. Rountree.
Union (Southampton)—Clyde Burgess, Mrs. Clyde Burgess, Steve Hornok.
Union (Surry)—
Wakefield—Mrs. E. L. Harris, Mrs. G. O. Huber.
Waverly—Eula F. Harrell, Mrs. J. E. McCauley.
Windsor—Mrs. Allen Beale, S. T. Holland.

Mr. W. K. Newman, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, Dr. D. J. Bowden, Dean of Elon College, and Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, were presented.

On motion it was voted that they be seated as deliberative members of the Conference for this session.

Rev. William P. Smith, First Church, Portsmouth; Rev. Thomas H. Britton, Shelton Memorial Church, Portsmouth; Rev. Clyde L. Fields, Union (Southampton); and Rev. James W. Madren, Wakefield Pastorate, new ministers in the Conference, were recognized.

The welcome address was given by Mr. R. D. Holland of the South Norfolk Church. Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Berea (Great Bridge), responded on behalf of the Conference.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the secretary and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee met at Windsor on June 11, 1952 with the Committee on Apportionments.

1. The Executive Committee voted to receive the schedule of apportionments for the Conference year 1952-53 submitted by the Committee on Apportionments and authorized the committee to submit the schedule to the individual churches for information and guidance.

2. After consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Education the Executive Committee voted:

a. To grant the Reverend Herbert G. Councill, Jr., a letter of transfer to the Essex Association of Congregational Christian Ministers and Churches.

b. To receive the Reverend Thomas H. Britton into this Conference from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

The officers of the Conference have handled the miscellaneous business of the Conference pertaining to their offices during the conference year.

JESSE H. DOLLAR,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
W. A. GRISSOM,
J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
Committee.

The report of the Program Committee was presented by the secretary and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

The Program Committee presents the printed program as the order of procedure for this Annual Conference with such changes as the session may find necessary.

JESSE H. DOLLAR,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
W. A. GRISSOM,
O. D. POYTHRESS,
J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
Committee.

The president appointed the following Special Committees:

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Nominations—Rev. J. E. Neese, Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Mr. J. Letcher Eley.

Resolutions—Mrs. Garland W. Spratley, Rev. Johnson Griffin, Dr. Duane N. Vore.

Press—Rev. Ernest F. Brickhouse, J. T. Kernodle, Dr. W. T. Scott.

Finance—Rev. E. T. Farrell, Rev. Melvin Dollar.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented and, pending its adoption, Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, addressed the Conference concerning the achievements and needs in the work of the Convention.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, the members of this Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That Richard Cooke, a member of Berea (Great Bridge) Christian Church be admitted to the Biblical Class at Elon College.

2. That George Barron and Reuben Askew, Jr., be continued as members of the Biblical Class.

3. That Joseph Smith Bage be granted a certificate of licensure, his service of licensure to be held at a session of this Conference.

4. That Baxter Twiddy, Henry A. Gleason, Jr., Paul Varga and John G. Truitt, Jr., be continued as Licentiates of this Conference.

5. That the Conference Ordinations of Reverends John Gallo, M. E. Taylor and D. D. Nash be renewed for another year.

6. That Reverend William P. Smith of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and Reverend James Madren of the Virginia Valley Central Conference be received as members in good standing in this Conference on the basis of duly accredited credentials presented to this Conference from their respective Conferences.

7. That Reverend Clyde L. Fields and Reverend Thomas H. Britton also be received as members of this Conference in good standing, their credentials having been received previously by the Executive Committee of the Conference.

8. That Reverend William A. Grissom be granted a letter of transfer to unite with the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

9. That George Barron be granted a Ministerial Scholarship Grant of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00), the same to be secured by a note duly signed and payable to the Ministerial Scholarship Fund.

10. That George Barron, Reuben Askew and Richard Cooke be granted a proportional part of the Trust Fund for Ministerial Students from Eastern Virginia ($180.00 in all, $60.00 each), this sum to be applied on their expenses for room and board at Elon College.

11. That the Ministerial Scholarship Fund of the Eastern Virginia Conference and the Ministerial Education Fund of the Eastern Virginia Conference be turned over to the Committee of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches duly designated to perform similar work throughout the Convention, thus following the previous action of the other respective Conferences of the Convention, this to include all the Assets of our Ministerial Education Fund.

12. That the contract with Elon College concerning the Eastern Virginia Ministerial Trust Fund be cancelled, and that the Assets of this Trust Fund become the property of the College. This action is not to be effective until after the recommendations for this year (see recommendations 9 and 10 of this report) have been fulfilled.

We submit herewith a Financial Statement of the Funds committed to our trust as reported by our courteous and efficient treasurer of the Conference, Mr. G. C. White.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

Receipts.

October 16, 1951—Balance, Conference Report	$2,966.34
November 3, 1951—Transfer Min. Schol. Fund, Twiddy and Varga Grants	200.00
December 19, 1951—Board of Publications, *Christian Sun* Loan	750.00
January 3, 1952—Francis H. Wise, payment on note	20.00
April 15, 1952—Little Creek, Principal and Interest on note	14.48
October 9, 1952—Francis H. Wise, Payment on note	5.00
Total Receipts	$3,955.82

Disbursements.

Balance on hand, October 15, 1952	$3,955.82

Schedule of Notes and Bills Receivable.

1. Four Notes (original amount)	$ 500.00
2. Three Notes (original amount)	380.00
3. Six Notes (original amount)	900.00
4. Two Notes	205.00
5. Four Notes	625.00
6. One Note	10.00
7. One Note—Bal. due on loan to Little Creek Church—Dec. 6, 1952, Principal and Interest	408.00
8. One Note—Mission Bd. a/c Hopewell, April 12, 1949	700.00
9. Interest on same to April 12, 1952	42.00
10. Note—Sou. Conv. of Cong. Christian Churches, Inc., dated January 2, 1951, Balance on Principal	1,750.00
11. Interest on above note to January 2, 1953	106.25
Total Notes and Bills Receivable	$5,626.25
Cash Balance on hand	3,955.82
Grand Total	$9,582.07

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The Ministerial Education Fund of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches will go to the Ministerial Student Loan Fund of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., Elon College, Custodian. The Ministerial Scholarship Fund of this Conference will go to the Ministerial Scholarship Fund of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., to be administered by the designated committee of the Board of Christian Education of the Convention.

H. S. HARDCASTLE,
N. G. NEWMAN,
W. M. STEVENS,
I. W. JOHNSON,
J. E. MCCAULEY,
Committee.

Ruben S. Askew, Jr., a member of the Biblical Class, Joseph S. Bage, to be licensed at this conference, and Mrs. Jeanne B. Carley, Director of Religious Education, the Congregational Christian Temple, Norfolk, were presented to the Conference.

The president led the Conference in the singing of a hymn.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented. Pending its adoption, Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College, introduced the following officials of the Elon College Two and One-Half Million Dollar Campaign: Dr. W. M. Stevens, General Chairman; Dr. D. N. Vore, Virginia Chairman, and Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Financial Advisor. Each spoke briefly concerning the campaign, after which Dr. Smith informed the Conference concerning the place, the achievements and the needs of Elon College.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Christian Education embraces the whole program of the Church. We cannot take any one phase of the Church activities and say that this is the program of Christian Education. The total program of the Church should lend itself to the spiritual, moral and mental awakening of its people. To this end the program becomes both Christian and educational.

The demands of our day insist upon a very careful and intelligent appraisal of the moral, spiritual and mental ability of those who are placed in positions of responsibility in our churches. Our churches are more aware of this fact today than ever before. This is evidenced by more and better facilities for training and teaching in the local churches. If we are to hold our place in the world we must continue to lay stress on and make progress in Christian Education.

The Sunday School and Vacation Bible School go hand in hand in the program of training. Almost all of our churches reported successful Bible Schools and growth in the Sunday Schools. Summer Camps were held at Bayside for Juniors and at Elon for Young People and these were well attended and reported successful programs. Leadership Training Schools were held in the Conference, some on the initiative of local churches.

It is hoped that the coming year will bring even greater determination in advancing the program of Christian Education, directing our thinking and our planning in the following basic channels:

1. Bigger and better Sunday Schools in every church, giving careful thought to the materials used.
2. A Vacation Bible School in every church.
3. Leadership Training Schools are essential in acquainting with new materials and methods those who lead in our churches. We call upon our Convention Board of Christian Education not only for assistance but for active leadership in promoting and scheduling training schools.
4. More support and greater loyalty to Elon College. We all have a vital stake in higher education as expressed at Elon College. Elon College is our opportunity to uphold and support our great heritage of Christian Education on the higher level. Our College deserves our support, needs our support, welcomes our support. Elon College is our foremost investment in Christian Education.

The Board of Christian Education of our Convention is ready to assist all churches just for the asking, and would welcome an opportunity to serve you.

W. A. GRISSOM, *Chairman,*
L. E. SMITH,
W. T. SCOTT,
JOHN G. TRUITT,
FLOYD A. TURNER,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented and, pending its adoption, Dr. W. Millard Stevens, President of the Southern Convention, addressed the Conference on the subject, "Our Stewardship to the Southern Convention."

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Christian Stewardship is not designed primarily to finance the Church. Its primary function is to help people live full Christian lives. In accomplishing this, Christian Stewardship makes the Church alive and vital, so that sound financial practices are a natural part of the local church, because they are a natural part of the life of the individual church member. We have made rapid strides in our Eastern Vigrinia churches in the matter of Christian Stewardship. We predict that this progress will continue.

Stewardship education is a constant part of the life of every vital church. It manifests itself in Church School classes, group meetings, individual relationships, preaching, worship, and the manner in which the offering is handled in all worship services. Our stewardship education will be either good or bad in all these activities. We should strive always to make it good.

Much valuable material on Christian Stewardship is available from the Missions Council, from the Department of Stewardship of the National Council of Churches, and from many other sources. We urge our churches to use this material. Some of our churches develop material locally for their own use, such as mimeographed or printed pamphlets, slides about the church program, illustrated budgets, etc. We recommend this practice to all our churches.

Stewardship is a vital necessity in Christian living. We must not fail to practice it. Many wonderful resources are available to us and many more are being produced each year. Let us use them.

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Chairman,*
C. C. THOMAS,
J. E. NEESE,
D. W. JONES,
W. W. PILAND,
Committee.

The morning session adjourned after prayer by Rev. O. D. Poythress.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session convened at 2:00 o'clock.

The opening hymn was led by Rev. Johnson L. Griffin, and the prayer by Rev. John Gallo.

The Nominating Committee submitted the name of Dr. Duane N. Vore to fill the vacant office of vice-president. Dr. Vore was elected unanimously to take office immediately.

The president requested the Committee on Ministerial Education to prepare and conduct the service of Licensure for Joseph S. Bage at the evening service.

The report of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association was presented and, pending its adoption, Dr. W. M. Stevens, Dr. I. W. Johnson and Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, President of the Christian Missionary Association, spoke of the work of the organization and of the need for additional support from the churches that advantage may be taken of the opportunities for church extension.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The sixtieth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association convened at the Liberty Spring Christian Church, December 4, 1951. The president, Rev. W. Stanley Carne, called the session to order. The worship service was conducted by Dr. I. W. Johnson.

The financial secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, called the roll of the churches and collected dues which amounted to $3,245.00. The recording secretary received $110.00 the following day which made a total of $3,355.00.

Reports were made by Rev. M. E. Taylor, pastor of Little Creek; Rev. Melvin Dollar told of the work at Union (South.); Rev. J. Everette Neese told of the work at Second Church, Norfolk; Mr. S. T. Holland reported on Windsor; and Mrs. I. S. Morris and Rev. Johnson L. Griffin told of the progress at Bay View.

The report of finance showed a total of $7,854.21.

The Committee on Plans made seven pertinent recommendations:

1. To Hopewell Church on pastor's salary at the rate of $25.00 per month, $300.00.
2. To Sunbury to complete payment on parsonage, to be paid at once, $400.00.

3. To Little Creek on pastor's salary at the rate of $50.00 per month, $600.00.
4. To Bay View on pastor's salary, payable at $33.33 per month, $400.00.
5. To Second Church, Norfolk, to be used to meet first year's payments on parsonage, to be paid to the financing agency when arrangements for purchase are made, subject to approval of the president of the C. M. A., $1,2000.00.
6. That $750.00 of the funds remaining in the treasury be earmarked for a future new church.
7. That in view of the fact Bay View Church now has its plans for its building and expects to begin construction at an early date, that $3,000.00 earmarked for this project and the $1,250.00 contributed by the Congregational Christian Temple remain available for Bay View when the building is under construction, with the provision that unless the building is underway by June 1, 1952, that the money revert to the general funds of the C. M. A. and be available for reallocation, and that the Congregational Christian Temple be requested to reallocate the $1,250.00 held for it by the C. M. A. to another project.

Since the sixtieth session the Little Creek Church voted to assume full responsibility of their pastor's salary leaving the $600.00 allocated to them in the treasury. Second Church has called for and received $1,200.00 allocated to them on the parsonage. The Bay View Church called for the $4,250.00 held for them to be applied to their Educational Building as it was under construction.

The nominating committee recommended the following officers:

President—Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.
Vice President—Rev. Earl T. Farrell.
Financial Secretary—Rev. R. E. Brittle.
Recording Secretary—Rev. Johnson L. Griffin.
Treasurer—Mr. E. L. Rawles.

The session ended with an interesting and inspiring message by Bishop K. C. Pallai of Madras, India.

The following committees have been appointed for the 1952 annual meeting:

Place—Mrs. Frank Lewis.

Plans—Dr. W. M. Stevens, Chairman, Dr. D. N. Vore, Wesley Harrell, Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., W. H. Baker.

Nominations—Rev. M. E. Taylor, Dr. I. W. Johnson.

Resolutions—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Chairman, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., C. D. West, H. R. Morrison, Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

Press—J E. Neese, Ellis N. Clarke.

Auditing—Hon. S. T. Holland, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

The sixty-first annual session will meet with the Windsor Christian Church on Tuesday, December 9th, 1952, at 10:30 A. M.

May God give us all the faith, courage and strength to meet the challenge of the vission of missions.

H. E. CRUTCHFIELD, *President.*
JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN, *Secretary.*

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was presented. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

A new schedule of apportionments for all of the churches of the Eastetrn Virginia Conference for the year 1952-53 has been made up by your committee and approved by the Executive Committee of the Conference.

The new schedule represents the total amount requested by the Southern Convention from this Conference and is an increase of $3,168.00 over the previous year. A large amount of this increase will be used to provide for the employment of a Secretary

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1952-53.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Fund	Convention Home Missions and Church Extension Fund	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun	National Board of Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Conference Home Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	1952-53 Total
Antioch	$ 69	$ 30	$ 16	$ 62	$ 9	$ 4	$ 7	$ 27	$ 30	$ 9	$ 5	$ 10	$ 5	$ 283
Barrett's	15	13	11	20	6	5	5	11	10	6	5	5	2	114
Berea, Nansemond	158	94	53	73	113	18	12	83	86	16	15	25	4	750
Bethlehem, Disp.	38	27	13	12	15	6	12	23	24	16	5	5	4	200
Bethlehem, Nans.	195	159	80	152	169	18	42	140	124	55	15	50	15	1,214
Burton's Grove	31	13	11	10	10	5	2	11	10	3	5	5	1	117
Centerville	15	12	10	15	6	5	4	10	10	5	5	5	2	104
Cypress Chapel	142	112	44	115	151	15	22	98	112	29	15	50	11	916
Dendron	15	16	10	15	60	3	2	14	14	3	3	2	1	158
Eure	94	37	11	54	54	11	16	33	39	21	10	10	10	400
Franklin	322	212	45	245	141	15	22	187	222	29	15	75	12	1,542
Great Bridge (Berea)	171	101	58	42	64	16	16	88	119	20	15	35	5	750
Holland	345	192	52	224	246	9	25	169	160	31	10	75	12	1,550
Holy Neck	234	90	45	140	140	10	20	79	72	26	10	25	9	900
Hopewell	15	22	11	10	6	5	8	19	17	13	5	4	6	141
Isle of Wight	63	24	11	75	30	10	5	21	30	6	10	10	2	297
Johnson's Grove	15	16	11	10	10	5	5	14	14	6	5	3	2	116
Liberty Spring	249	136	53	219	183	23	33	119	122	45	15	40	12	1,249
Mt. Carmel	161	100	44	105	82	15	15	88	102	19	15	35	7	788
Mt. Zion	15	13	11	15	6	5	4	11	10	5	5	5	2	107
New Lebanon	46	34	11	30	12	10	5	30	30	6	10	10	2	236
Newport News	502	340	120	400	250	25	30	299	429	39	25	100	15	2,574
Norfolk—Bay View	63	30	11	40	24	10	5	27	30	6	10	5	4	265
Christian Temple	1,150	638	132	850	300	35	80	561	672	104	35	100	31	4,688
First	155	61	30	105	105	8	16	54	54	20	10	35	9	662
Little Creek	15	13	5	5	30	2	5	12	14	6	2	2	1	112
Rosemont	512	338	90	480	800	25	30	297	429	39	25	80	14	3,159
Second	107	54	13	94	69	6	8	48	49	11	10	30	3	502
Oak Grove	58	29	8	45	18	4	6	26	31	7	5	10	3	250
Oakland	212	128	47	176	128	14	35	113	131	45	15	35	10	1,089
Portsmouth—Elm Ave.	53	55	12	28	20	3	7	49	54	10	5	30	3	329
First	224	144	44	185	150	10	10	126	142	13	10	35	6	1,099
Shelton Memorial	76	40	26	17	28	11	6	35	36	7	10	5	3	300
Richmond	161	100	22	185	121	15	10	88	102	13	15	35	5	872
South Norfolk	314	184	51	266	186	17	46	162	198	64	15	60	20	1,583
Spring Hill	63	30	11	30	24	5	5	27	32	6	5	10	2	250
Suffolk	1,150	637	157	906	737	38	85	560	647	123	40	300	43	5,423
Sunbury—Damascus	96	51	11	75	63	10	12	45	41	16	10	15	5	450
Union, Southampton	79	59	11	77	74	21	10	51	63	15	20	15	5	500
Union, Surry	15	19	11	20	12	5	3	16	14	4	5	5	2	131
Wakefield	63	42	22	60	24	5	9	37	44	12	5	10	4	337
Waverly	257	106	22	185	72	15	15	94	122	19	10	25	5	947
Windsor	127	83	22	110	121	15	9	73	92	12	15	30	4	713
Totals	$7,860	$4,634	$1,489	$5,982	$4,869	$ 512	$ 724	$4,075	$4,783	$ 960	$ 500	$1,456	$ 323	$ 38,167

of Evangelism and Stewardship which is included in the Convention Fund. The cost of office and administration of the Mission Funds has been added to the Convention Fund, where is properly belongs, and in the future all funds contributed for missions will go to missions. There is also a slight increase in Per Capita Dues for support of the General Council.

You will note that there are two items in the new schedule for Home Missions and one for Foreign Missions. *Convention Home Missions and Church Extension* will represent funds for Home Missions within the Convention for new churches, aid to weak churches, building aid, etc. *National Home Missions and Ministerial Relief* will represent funds we will send to our National Board of Home Missions for Home Missions work throughout the denomination and for aid to retired pastors, pastors' widows and dependents. You will see that our former "Superannuation Fund" is combined with National Home Missions and that the National Board of Home Missions now will handle that aid.

The Convention authorized the Elon College Sustaining Fund for the biennium, the Christian Orphanage to seek an additional $25,000.00 per year as a "Special", and annual "Specials" of $25,000.00 and $7,500.00 for Home Missions and Foreign Missions respectively. The share of this Conference of these amounts is not reflected in the apportionment table.

We strongly recommend that your church approve Paragraph No. 12 of the report of the Convention Finance Committee, which reads as follows: "During the past biennium several churches have followed the practice of sending contributions to the Convention Office with the request that they be distributed proportionately to all apportionment items. We commend these churches in this practice and recommend it to all the churches of the Convention for their favorable consideration." This recommendation has two main practical points in its favor: (1) Salaries not only of the Convention Staff but also of our Home Mission pastors and missionaries must be paid on a monthly basis throughout the year. (2) Some of the apportionment items are more attractive to givers than others. Such a practice would mean that each item in the apportionment would receive a fair share of the support of each church.

S. T. HOLLAND,
J. LETCHER ELEY,
FLOYD A. TURNER,
ELLIS N. CLARK,
J. P. DALTON,
Committeee.

The report of the Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

CONFERENCE FUND:

Receipts.

Balance October 16, 1951	$ 843.57	
1950-51 Apportionments	120.00	
Convention Funds Collected	303.92	
1951-52 Apportionments	448.75	
		$1,716.24

Disbursements.

W. T. Scott—Convention Funds	$ 332.42	
ANNUALS	222.60	
Virginia Church Temperance Council	100.00	
Secretary's Salary and Expenses	59.84	
Conference Speaker's Expenses	30.00	
Supplies	19.00	
Miscellaneous	31.76	
		795.62
Balance on hand		$ 795.62

CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONS:

Receipts.

Balance October 16, 1951	$ 979.25	
1950-51 Apportionments	515.00	
1951-52 Apportionments	1,314.75	
Sale of Dendron Parsonage	1,250.00	
		$4,059.00

Disbursements.

Dendron, one-half parsonage sale	$ 625.00	
New Lebanon, one-fourth parsonage sale	312.50	
Union, Surry, one-fourth parsonage sale	312.50	
Damascus, on parsonage note	400.00	
Hopewell, on pastor's salary	450.00	
		2,100.00
Balance on hand		$1,959.00

MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Receipts.

Balance October 16, 1951	$1,899.85	
Received from Convention 1950-51	430.00	
Received from Convention 1951-52	478.00	
		$2,807.85

Disbursements.

Transferred to Ministerial Education Fund	$ 200.00	
Scholarship—Paul Varga	100.00	
Scholarship—George Barron	100.00	
		400.00
Balance on hand		$2,407.85

VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:

Receipts.

Balance October 16, 1951	$ 209.00	
1950-51 Apportionments	104.00	
Transferred from Conference Fund	12.00	
1951-52 Apportionments	285.25	
		$ 610.25

Disbursements.

Virginia Council of Churches	$ 250.00	
Interdenominational Religious Works Foundation	75.00	
		325.00
Balance on hand		$ 285.25

RECAPITULATION.

	10-16-51 *Balance*	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	10-15-52 *Balance*
Conference Fund	$ 843.57	$ 872.67	$ 795.62	$ 920.62
Conference Home Missions	979.25	3,079.75	2,100.00	1,959.00
Virginia Council of Churches	209.00	401.25	325.00	285.25
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	1,899.85	908.00	400.00	2,407.85
Ministerial Educational Fund	2,966.34	989.48		3,955.82
Total	$6,898.01	$6,251.15	$3,620.62	$9,528.54

Balance October 16, 1951	$6,898.01
Total Receipts for year	6,251.15
Total Balance	13,149.16
Total Disbursements for year	3,620.62
Balance October 15, 1952	$9,528.54

G. C. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

Fourteen years ago, the writer of this report became chairman of the Conference Committee on Superannuation. At that time there was being raised about $600.00 a year for the aged ministers of our Convention and the widows of deceased ministers by this conference. The work of the Convention was not in any way identified with the work of the General Council, and there were few if any of our ministers who were members of the Annuity Fund. Last year this conference raised over $1,400.00 for Superannuation, which did not include the Christmas Fund offerings, these amounting to some $300.00 extra. Practically all of our ministers were members of the Annuity Fund, and at the last session an insurance program was put into effect which serves to give additional protection to the ministers who so faithfully serve us. We have made at least some progress up the scale, though there is much more that can be accomplished.

At our last session of The Southern Convention, action was taken bringing the convention program further in line with that of the General Council. The Board of Superannuation was discontinued as such, and the duties of that board were incorporated into the work of the Convention Mission Board.

We believe that the conference should follow the pattern laid down by the Council and the Convention, therefore, we recommend:

1. That the churches make sure that their apportionment for the help of our aged ministers and the widows of those deceased, be raised in full.

2. That the Christmas Fund offerings be taken at that season as an extra or free will offering.

3. That if there are any ministers in our conference who are eligible, but who do not belong to the Annuity Fund, that they and their churches cooperate to see that they become members at the earliest possible time.

4. That in keeping with the action of the Southern Convention, that this committee be discontinued and that the work of the committee be turned over to the Committee on Home Missions.

J. T. KERNODLE, *Chairman,*
G. C. WHITE,
W. H. BAKER,
Committee.

The report of the Commmittee on Religious Literature was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The Committee on Religious Literature, though somewhat of perfunctory significance by reason of serving only in an advisory capacity, nevertheless represents one of the most important interests of the Conference. The reading habits of the pastors—what they read and the importance they attach to systematic and discriminating reading is always reflected in their preaching and in their general attitude toward their work and toward life itself. Moreover, the reading habits of a pastor are definitely reflected in the work and progress of the church he serves. Creative thinking is always conditioned upon systematic and insatiate reading. Knowing what others think, stimulates a reader's own thinking and helps one more wisely to evaluate the various truths and positions presented by writers.

Your Committee on Religious Literature believes that a reading ministry makes for reading congregations and for a well-informed laity. To this end we would heartily recommend that our ministers read as widely as possible, not confining their reading to any one phase of religious interest or to any one type of religious authors, and especially not to exclude from the list of books they read books that present a point of view contradictory to their personal views.

We would recommend and urge that during the new conference year every pastor read at least one new book each quarter—preferably one new book each month. There are many pastors who make it a practice to read one new book each week, but such a schedule does not leave necessary time for meeting the responsibilities of a parish; neither does such a schedule leave sufficient time for a person to assimilate what he reads, and in some instances might cause the reader to degenerate into "A Book Worm."

However, if it is true, as is frequently contended, that some pastors are guilty of not reading a single new book in an entire year, it would be fitting to ask God's mercy upon them and upon their congregations. And your Committee on Religious Literature strongly believes that for every minister in our Conference to read at least one new book each quarter, preferably one new book each month, in the coming year would make a distinct contribution to the advancement of the churches they serve and to the work of our Conference.

ROY C. HELFENSTEIN, *Chairman,*
MRS. A. C. MOORE,
MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY,
ERNEST BRICKHOUSE,
JOHN GALLO,
Committee.

The historian of the Conference, Dr. N. G. Newman, informed the Conference concerning interesting and amusing items of information he had discovered in preparing the histories of several of the churches of the Conference.

Attention was called to the fact that Dr. Newman was observing the sixty-first anniversary of his ordination. He was ordained on October 29, 1891.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

We believe it is the function of every member of the church to be an active evangelist, his personal motive being as follows:

"I believe Jesus lived and died for me and all mankind, a free gift from God. that I and every person might have life here and now throughout all eternity. In loving recognition of this gift from God to me, I am impelled to bear my witness of that love and gift, by word, deed and life. By cooperative action with my brethren who likewise recognize God's love and His supreme gift, I shall with them seek to find and use the best possible methods to bring others to an acceptance and recognition of this love and gift."

With the above motive in mind, and in cooperation with the Convention program, your committee recommends the following:

1. That we have a *special* program throughout the convention from February 18, 1953, through Easter Sunday, April 5th. Suggested special evangelistic emphasis during this period may be:

a. Preaching mission or revival meeting.
b. Carefully worked out visitation evangelistic campaign.
c. Pastor's class.
d. Fellowship evangelism.

2. That we emphasize church attendance, especially appropriate before World-Wide Communion and during the Lenten Season.

3. Acquaint our people with the principles and government of our churches.

4. Re-evangelize those already in the church.

5. Re-evangelize those moving into the community who have lost contact and need to be re-established. We suggest a careful survey to discover all prospects.

6. Assimilate new members—giving every member a place of responsible service in line with his particular talent, such as:

a. Teacher.
b. Choir member.
c. Church officer.
d. Sunday school work.
e. Missionary work.

7. That conference rallies be conducted by teams emphasizing evangelism.

8. Publish special articles in *The Christian Sun* on evangelism during the evangelistic period.

9. That the churches report the results of the special evangelism program to the Committee on Evangelism.

MELVIN DOLLAR, *Chairman,*
A. L. GRANGER
O. D. POYTHRESS,
MRS. FRANK LEWIS,
EUGENE TALLY,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented and, pending its adoption, Dr. James M. Hess, formerly missionary to Madhurai, South India, now at Elon College, addressed the Conference.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The task of mission education is one of the most important that the church faces. Particularly is this true of our foreign mission effort. In the field of Home Missions we are able to see the work that is being done, but our eyes fail to focus on the tremendous tasks that are being effectively carried out in Africa, the Near East, the Philippines, Mexico and the Pacific Islands. Since our knowledge is limited our interest slows down—and as our interest lags our concern tends to lose its force both in prayer and in giving.

The women of our Southern Convention have done a good work in mission education. Unfortunately much of that education has had no carryover into the general church. Missions remains a mystery to our men and to our youth. It is time for us to offer mission education to our whole church family.

Our women of the Southern Convention have taken the salary responsibility for Miss Corinne Nordquest at the station in Johannesburg, South Africa; Miss Harriet Summerville is the personal Christian representative of every member of the Reidsville Church; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dille are known by few in our Southern Convention and Miss Mary Hurlburt is another who represents us—all of these are in Africa. Our work there is personal if we take the trouble to make it so. We can become personally acquainted with our mission work throughout the world if we will take the time and trouble to use materials that are available to us through the American Board and the Department of Visual Aids. This committee will be happy to supply you with a full list of those materials.

Each of our churches should make the most of the firsthand report that Dr. W. W. Sloan can give since he visited Africa and the Near East this summer. He will be glad to share his experiences of the work in Africa and he has the ability to make the whole picture come alive.

Without an adequate mission emphasis our churches tend to wither and lose power. Let each of us assume a personal responsibility for missionary education in the year that lies ahead.

DUANE N. VORE, *Chairman,*
E. T. FARRELL,
MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,
MRS. W. T. HARRELL,
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

On motion it was voted that the film, "Basis of the Blueprint," be shown following the report of the Committee on Home Missions and that Mr. W. K. Newman address the Conference at the Thursday Morning Session.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

In taking inventory of the work done in the Conference for the last few years, it is very noticeable the great amount of building done and improvements made in physical equipment. Several congregations have either built new churches or enlarged or added to what they already had. Others need to and are planning to build. Many of our people have come to the realization that while we as individuals or families live in comfortable and goodly houses that it is not right that we should let the "ark of the covenant" be sheltered by an unsightly roof. Our children in public school and other places enjoy some of thte best which can be offered. Surely the Church of the Living God should be dissatisfied to offer anything less. Several churches have built parsonages and have full time pastors. Your committee feels that each church or group of churches should have a parsonage that would be a credit to the church.

We believe that one of our greatest undeveloped resources is a genuine church pride. A pride which begets a deeper appreciation of the local church to which we belong, to be sure, but a pride which is so rich that it reaches out through and beyond the local church to develop a love for and loyalty to our denomination and all of its children, such as Elon College, The Christian Orphanage, *The Christian Sun* and several others. Unless our pride reflects itself in loyalty to all of these we have fallen short.

Your committee feels that in the light of such a greatly increased population, and newly and rapidly developing housing units, we should have some newly organized churches in keeping with our great possibilities. We commend to all the churches and members of local churches of our conference the great work, goals and purposes of the Christian Missionary Association as one of the strong forces for home missionary work in our Conference.

Unusual, as it may seem, your Home Missions Committee has received only one request for help from the Home Missions Fund of the Conference. We hope that this is indicative of the fact that more churches are endeavoring to depend solely on themselves in the face of pictured needs of beginning new work in Eastern Virginia.

We recommend the payment of $400.00 to be applied on the parsonage payments for the coming year to Second Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

R. E. BRITTLE.

The film, "Basis of the Blueprint," was shown. This film reviewed the past work of the Church Building Society and presented the work that should be done which requires additional funds for the Society.

The afternoon session adjourned after the benediction by Dr. N. G. Newman.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by President Jesse H. Dollar.

The worship service was conducted by Rev. O. D. Poythress, pastor of the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church, assisted by the choirs of the church.

A service of Licensure was held for Joseph S. Bage. The service was conducted by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle. Dr. I. W. Johnson, Dr. N. G. Newman and Rev. J. E. McCauley participated in the service.

The Conference Sermon, "The Light of the World," was delivered by Dr. D. J. Bowden, Dean of Elon College.

The service of Holy Communion was conducted by Dr. Duane N. Vore and Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., assisted by the Deacons of the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by Vice-President Duane N. Vore. Rev. T. W. Britton led the opening hymn and Rev. R. E. Tally led the prayer for guidance.

The report of the Eastern Virginia Laymen's Fellowship was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF EASTERN VIRGINIA LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

The Laymen's Fellowship of the Eastern Virginia Conference has had a fairly successful year.

The Fall Rally, held at the Congregational Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va., was very well attended. Retiring President Mills E. Godwin, Jr., had arranged for a very good program. Interesting, inspiring, instructive and challenging talks were given by J. Vaughan Beale, Loren P. Waldo, Jr., Donald Schriver and Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. The singing, food and fellowship were enjoyed by all. The wholesome group participation was gratifying.

On February 19th the Executive Committee met in the pastor's study of the Suffolk Christian Church for the purpose of making plans for 1952. Rev. D. N. Vore and Past President Mills E. Godwin, Jr., met with the committee and rendered valuable and much appreciated assistance.

It was decided—for this year at least—that two meetings of the Fellowship would be tried—one in the late spring and one in the fall. The spring meeting was to be one of inspiration, fun and fellowship. The fall meeting was to be one of the workshop type.

The Spring Rally was held at the Planter's Club, Driver, Va., on May 8, Rural Life Sunday, 3:30 to 8:30 P. M. The afternoon was given over to out-door recreational games. In the evening came a dinner meeting during which delicious food, superb singing, and an excellent address by Rev Thomas B. Keehn, Secretary of the Department of Christian Citizenship, Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches, were enjoyed. The weather was not too favorable but around 150 men were in attendance.

From reports it seems that much fine work has been done by the laymen in many of our churches during the year. But much yet needs to be done. A better organization of the laymen for more cooperative action seems imperative. The apparent indifference or lack of interest of some churches and/or their pastors is a source of regret and surprise. The success of the Laymen's Fellowship program is *every* churchman's responsibility. In this chaotic world the opportunity and challenge that loomed large on yesterday are today standing boldly in view. Everyone knows that we can if we will—make progress. But we need much more those who will honestly say, "We will do what we can."

Laymen's Sunday, October 19, was observed by many of our churches. Well attended and worthwhile programs were given. This annual observation is one way of enhancing the laymen's program. It is hoped that in the years to come every church will fitly observe this Sunday.

At the Newport News Christian Church—on November 16, 1952—our fall workshop type meeting will be held. It is hoped that *every* church in thte conference will be well represented. "Out of this world" food has been assured! Be there!

G. C. MANN, *President.*

The report of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

The fortieth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Conference of the Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches met on October 2, 1952 at 10:00 in the Congregational Christian Temple, Norfolk, with an attendance of about three hundred and fifty.

The theme for the day was: "Building—With Love and Gratitude." The service of devotion was led by Mrs. J. F. Morgan, using as her topic, "The House We Are Building." Information from the district superintendents and departmental leaders indicated well-made plans for the year had been faithfully executed. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented the literature for the year. Mrs. W. B. Williams, president of the Woman's Missionary Convention, addressed the conference on "Together We Build." The treasurer reported $9,199.88 which included $650.00 for Life Membership and Memorial Certificates to be used for Franklinton Center. The 1952 Thank Offering will go for the Carroll County, Virginia, project. We had as our speakers for the conference Dr. W. W. loan, who has recently returned from Africa; Dr. W. T. Scott and Rev. James Madren, who spoke on the projected program in Carroll County. Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, presented and spoke on the current campaign by Elon College. Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Orphanage, thanked the women for coupons and requested more for the orphanage. Mrs. W. B. Williams told of the campaign by the Church Building Society which will be launched in March, 1953.

The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That $50.00 be appropriated to the Virginia Council of Churches.

2. That the goal for the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference for 1952-53 be set for $9,000.00.

3. That special emphasis be placed on the work in the Carroll County Mission.

4. That each local society endeavor to show the feature film, "More for Peace."

The reports were mimeographed in booklets and distributed, making possible a longer usefulness.

The officers for the year 1952-53 were installed by Mrs. R. T. Bradford as follows: Mrs. Garland Spratley, President; Mrs. Ray Gordon, Vice-President and Chairman of Friendly Service; Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Recording Secretary; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. George Cornell, Treasurer.

The following Superintendents were elected: Mrs. John F. Williams, Young People; Mrs. S. T. Holland, Children; Mrs. R. F. Edwards, Cradle Roll.

Chairmen of Standing Committees: Mrs. Raye Knight, Spiritual Life; Mrs. E. G. Middleton, Life Memberships and Memorials; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Literature; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Interdenominational Cooperation; Mrs. Millard Stevens, Christian Family Life; Mrs. A. C. Moore, Visual Aids.

District Superintendents: Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Waverly District; Mrs. Ray Gordon, Suffolk District; Mrs. J. E. Neese, Norfolk District.

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY, *President.*

Rev. Ellis N. Clark spoke concerning the work of the Virginia Church Temperance Council.

On motion it was voted that a contribution of one hundred dollars ($100.00) from the Conference Fund be made to the Virginia Church Temperance Council.

The report of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Eighty-third annual session of the Sunday School Convention of Eastern Virginia Congregational Christian Churches was held at the Bethlehem Christian Church, Nansemond County, July 2, 1952. The session was well attended and exceedingly helpful.

The program of the day included an address by Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church of Durham, North Carolina, and group meetings. Dr. Harrell brought more meaning to the cardinal principles of our church and challenged the Convention to a greater consecration to the work of the church. His subject was: "What We Christians Believe." A full hour was devoted to group meetings. The Children's Division, Young People, Adults and Superintendents, each of the four had problems and plans confronting them specifically presented and discussed. This part of the program also proved to be most interesting and beneficial. A large number of those present participated.

The total receipts of the Convention amounted to $970.00. There were 39 of the 43 churches in the Conference reporting. Of this amount $750.00 was to be sent to the Board of Christian Education; $50.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches; $100.00 for Leadership Training Schools in Eastern Virginia Conference and $70.00 for the expenses of the secretary of the convention.

Officers elected for the coming year were: J. Letcher Eley, President; Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Vice-President; W. H. Baker, Secretary; Miss Mary Lee Folk, Treasurer.

The Convention will hold its 1953 session with the Oakland Christian Church on Tuesday after the third Sunday in July.

FLOYD A. TURNER, *President.*

Mr. W. K. Newman, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, addressed the Conference on the subject of "Church Extension." Attention was called to the number of new churches helped and the work those churches now are accomplishing. The Conference was advised that there are many fine opportunities of real concern for church extension.

A resolution calling upon the Eastern Virginia Conference to support and participate in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign was introduced.

On motion it was voted that the resolution be approved and made a part of the report of the Committee on Resolutions. (The resolution in full is appended to the report of the Committee on Resolutions).

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented and, pending its adoption, Rev. C. Emerson Smith, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches, addressed the Conference concerning the work of the Council of Churches among the migrant workers in Virginia.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

During the past year the chairman of the committee mimeographed and sent copies to all the ministers of the statement of Christian faith and race relations prepared by the National Council of Churches, and asked that it be read in all the churches on Race Relations Sunday in February. The chairman gave assistance to the Eastren Virginia Laymen's Fellowship in securing Rev. Thomas B. Koehn, Director of Christian Citizenship, the Council of Social Action of our Congregational Christian Churches, as speaker at the meeting of the Laymen's Fellowship in May. We take pleasure in the

appearance on our conference program today of the Rev. C. Emerson Smith, associate executive secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches.

Your Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that a greater effort be made in our churches to interpret the work of the Council for Social Action. Our churches are fairly well acquainted with the important activities of the American Board of Foreign Missions and the Board of Home Missions of our denomination, but less well acquainted with the functions of the Council for Social Action and the work it is doing, as through its departments of Christian Citizenship of Agricultural, Industrial, International and Race Relations it endeavors to bring to bear the witness of the Christian faith upon these many facets of our common life. In particular we would urge the study of the pamphlet, "The Stewardship of the Council for Social Action," by ministers and lay leaders, and that interpretation be given the work of the C. S. A. This could be done in meetings of the Official Board, Men's Organizations, Women's Organizations, etc.

2. We urge that in each of our churches there be subscriptions to "Social Action," the magazine of the C. S. A.

3. We recommend that we begin in the Sunday school with a program of teaching against intolerance, and explain Jesus' teaching about human brotherhood.

4. We recommend, following the vote of the Southern Convention at its meeting in Durham April 29-May 1, that this conference invite fraternal delegates of the Virginia Congregational Christian Conference to attend the sessions of our conference, and that we keep the door open for constant and friendly counsel on a Christian basis.

A. LANSON GRANGER, JR., *Chm.*,
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,
JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN,
M. E. TAYLOR,
J. VAUGHAN BEALE,
Committee.

On motion it was voted that the Finance Committee be instructed to present to the Conference recommendations concerning an increase in appropriations for the Virginia Council of Churches.

Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, reviewed the work of the year at the institution and urged that the churches be as liberal as possible in the annual Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage.

The report of the Eastern Virginia Youth Fellowship was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.

One year ended and another year started on that October day in 1951, at Suffolk. All were quite pleased with the number of young people gathered for our Fall Missionary Rally. We had quite a nice surprise—Jose Debuet was with us for the meeting. The young people had chosen for the coming year's Foreign Mission Project the support of Jose for one year of study at Princeton University. Jose came to us from the Philippines where he is a minister in the Interdenominational Church of the Philippines.

In drawing up our budget we as young people realized we should do our part in the building of our churches in Eastern Virginia. The more one gives to God's work the richer his life will become. This our young people know from sharing in our Foreign and Home Missions.

Our second State Rally in Richmond did much to help unite our Christian work in Virginia. Our speaker, Miss Oline Nicholson, brought us a challenge—there is work for us to do in other countries, especially in India.

We joined the other conferences in the Southern Convention to send Philip Mann, the President of the Southern Convention Youth Fellowship, to California to attend the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship and the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

As the year ended plans had been made to have a newspaper for our Eastern Youth Fellowship. With this newspaper and plans in the making, we hape that the coming year will be even more inspiring and enriching than the past year.

We greatly appreciate the interest and the help of the ministers of the Conference. We hope they will continue to feel free to help our Youth Fellowship at all times.

We would like to pay tributte to our greatest help and backbone for the past years. Even though she is no longer to be our superintendent, we hope that she has not retired from young people's work. Many thanks go to Mrs. R. E. Brittle for her untiring patience and inspiring help.

REBECCA MANN, *President.*

The report of the Finance Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the records and papers of the Conference Treasurer, Mr. G. C. White, and have found them to be correct. We have verified the balances as shown by the bank statement and have found them correct.

The records of the Treasurer how the following amounts on hand and in the bank:

Conference Fund	$ 970.62
Conference Home Mission	2,089.00
Virginia Council of Churches	309.25
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	2,409.85
Ministerial Educational Fund	3,955.82
	$9,734.54

We authorize the Treasurer to transfer $15.75 from the Conference Fund to the Virginia Council of Churches to make up the amount to $325.00.

We authorize the Treasurer to turn over to the Southern Convention the Ministerial Educational Fund, in compliance with the action of the Conference; in regard to articles 11 and 12 of the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

We authorize the Treasurer to pay from the Conference Fund $100.00 to the Virginia Church Temperance Council.

We authorize the Treasurer to pay $400.00 from the Conference Home Mission Fund to Second Church, Norfolk, on the parsonage.

We recommend that $175.00 be appropriated from the Home Mission Fund as a special contribution to the Virginia Council of Churches.

We recommend the payment of the following from the Conference Fund:

Suffolk Insurance Co. (Premium on Treasurer's Bond)	$ 5.00
Secretary's salary	50.00
Treasurer's expenses	20.00

Supplies and miscellaneous expense of secretary; incidental expenses of treasurer and the Conference.

EARL T. FARRELL,
MELVIN DOLLAR,
Committee.

On motion it was voted:

That the pastors of the Norfolk-Portsmouth area with the the Committee on Home Missions of the Conference constitute a Committee to survey the possibility of starting a new church in the area, and when they have decided upon one or more places where such a new work might be begun to invite Rev. Ira D. Black of the Board of Home Missions, New York, to come to the area for a survey, and upon his recommendation

together with that of the Special Committee that the Eastern Virginia Conference, Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association, the Mission Board of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., and the National Board of Home Missions cooperate in the beginning of a new church; that Rev. C. C. Thomas be the convenor of the Committee.

Conference adjourned the morning session following the prayer by Rev. T. W. Britton.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by President Dollar. The opening hymn was led by Rev. E. T. Farrell and the prayer for guidance by Rev. J. M. Madren.

On motion it was voted that the Ministerial Reports to Conference be discontinued.

On motion it was voted that two fraternal delegates from the Virginia Congregational Christian Conference (Negro) be invited to attend the annual sessions of this Conference, effective the next session of this Conference, and that there be an exchange of two fraternal delegates at the annual sessions of the respective Conferences if that meets with the approval of the Virginia Congregational Christian Conference.

The report of the Committee on Place was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

An invitation has been extended by the Rosemont Christian Church for the 1953 Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

The Committee on Place recommends that this invitation be accepted.

MRS. R. E. BRITTLE, *Chairman.*

On motion it was voted that the Conference records and minutes be printed in THE ANNUAL, and that 300 copies be secured and pro-rated among the churches.

Superintendent W. T. Scott reported on the Ministers' Group Insurance Plan.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Your committee submits the following nominations, as indicated, for the coming year:

President—Dr. Jesse H. Dollar.
Vice-President—Dr. Duane N. Vore.
Secretary—Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.
Treasurer—Mr. G. Chapman White.
Trustee, Virginia Church Temperance Council—Rev. Ellis N. Clark.
Members, Virginia Council of Churches—Dr. R. C. Helfenstein, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Dr. Duane N. Vore, Dr. W. M. Stevens.

REV. J. E. NEESE,
MR. J. LETCHER ELEY,
MRS. R. T. BRADFORD,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved—That we acknowledge the efficient work of the Program Committee in planning and executing such a splendid program.

2. Resolved—That we express our appreciation to Dr. J. M. Hess, formerly of India, for his inspiring message, to Dr. D. J. Bowden, Dean of Elon College, for the Conference Sermon, to Mr. William K. Newman, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, for his informative message, to Rev. C. Emerson Smith, of the Virginia Council of Churches, for his discussion on the migrant work in Virginia, and to all of the speakers who have helped to make this Conference so helpful.

3. In view of the importance of the campaign for funds authorized by the Southern Convention in behalf of Elon College, we recommend that the Eastern Virginia Conference accept the responsibility for our part of the cost of the renovation of and additions to the West Dormitory of Elon College, to be known as Virginia Hall. This is a designation of a portion of the funds we are asked to raise in the "Two and One-Half Million Dollar Campaign for Elon College."

4. Recognizing the value and importance of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, we recommend to the people of Eastern Virginia Conference its use for study and meditation.

5. We also recommend that each committee take its work seriously and report at the next Conference not merely the opinions of the chairman, but the progress the committee has brought about during the year.

6. Resolved—That we seek in the organizational set-up of our Conference to have a greater representation of lay people, men and women, on committees and as chairmen of committees; and that we seek to follow the practice of having a layman or laywoman to alternate with a minister as president of the Conference.

7. Resolved—That we express, by standing, our deep appreciation to the Pastor and members of the South Norfolk Congregational Christian Church for the gracious manner in which they have entertained the One Hundred and Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, for their excellent meals and their gracious hospitality in entertaining delegates in their homes.

In keeping with the earlier vote of this Conference the resolution concerning the "Church Building Loan Campaign" is appended to this report.

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RESOLUTION

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND CAMPAIGN.

In accordance with the action of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention in approving the Convention quota of $135,000.00 in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign of $4,500,000.00 authorized by the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the Southern Convention that the Eastern Virginia Conference accept a quota of $51,000.00 in this Campaign.

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Conference accept the recommended quota of $51,000.00.

2. That the Conference authorize and empower its Campaign Committee Chairman, Mr. W. B. Williams; the Conference President, and members of the Convention Committee from this Conference—Dr. W. M. Stevens, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Mrs. W. B. Williams—to set up the Conference Campaign Committee, it being understood that the members of the Convention Committee from Eastern Virginia shall be ex-officio members of the Conference Committee.

3. That the solicitation of funds for this Campaign begin March 1, 1953, and be completed by January 1, 1954, payments to be made by March 1, 1956, as desired.

4. That the Conference Campaign Committee allocate quotas to the several churches of the Conference, and with the Convention and National Campaign Committees promote the Campaign to a successful conclusion.

MRS. GARLAND W. SPRATLEY,
REV. JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN,
DR. DUANE N. VORE,
Committee.

On motion it was voted that the president and secretary complete and approve the minutes of this Conference.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented and adopted.

IN MEMORIAM

During the past year one death has occurred among the ministers and officials of the Conference. On April 1, 1952, after a brief illness, Rev. William Stanley Carne, pastor of the First Church, Portsmouth and Mt. Zion Church of Eclipse, passed away. He was 68 years old. He served several important charges during his long ministry, including Spokane, Seattle, and Leavenworth, Washington, five years; Gorham, Maine, thirteen years; Moody Church, Northfield, Mass., nine years; Elizabethtown, N. Y., six years; and First Church Portsmouth and Mt. Zion, Eclipse, Va., nearly five years. The importance of these charges and the success of his work indicated his adaptability and versatility as a pastor and preacher of the Word.

He was a man of God. His humility and dignity, his cheerfulness and sound thinking, his sincerity and integrity, his standards of conduct and character, his loyalty and spiritual devotion—all these impressed his friends and made his ministry useful and uplifting to the churches. In the pulpit and out of it, his manner of life witnessed to a deep consecration and high spiritual living.

Your committee offers these resolutions, as a feeble tribute to his life and work, and as an expression of sincere appreciation of him as a man and a minister.

RESOLVED:

1. That this Conference record our willingness to bow in submission to the will of God in this bereavement.

2. That we thank God for his ministry in this Conference.

3. That we express our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and all the other members of his family in their great loss.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the records of this Conference and published in *The Christian Sun;* and a copy be sent to the family of the departed servant of God.

5. Furthermore, be it resolved that this Conference hereby express its sympathy for all members of our churches within the bounds of this organization, who, during the past year, have been bereaved by the death of loved ones in the family.

I. W. JOHNSON,
J. M. ROBERTS,
T. FRED WRIGHT,
Committee.

On motion it was voted that Conference adjourn following the Memorial Service conducted by Dr. I. W. Johnson, and that it meet in its 133rd annual session with the Rosemont Christian Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1953.

The following Standing Committees have been appointed by the President:

CONFERENCE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—Jesse H. Dollar, Duane N. Vore, James H. Lightbourne, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, Thomas H. Britton.

Ministerial Education—H. S. Hardcastle, N. G. Newman, W. Millard Stevens, J. E. McCauley, I. W. Johnson.

Apportionments—S. T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, Floyd Turner, Ellis N. Clark, G. C. White.

Home Missions—Mills E. Godwin, Jr., R. E. Brittle, H. E. Crutchfield, Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Mrs. G. C. Brittle.

Foreign Missions—Mrs. Russell T. Bradford, Duane N. Vore, Earl T. Farrell, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. Garland Spratley.

Evangelism—Melvin Dollar, O. D. Poythress, A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Mrs. Frank Lewis, Eugene Tally.

Christian Education—J. Everette Neese, Letcher Eley, C. E. Reynolds, Jr., Mrs. William T. Harrell, Miss Rebecca Mann.

Religious Literature—Mrs. A. C. Moore, Roy C. Helfenstein, Wm. P. Smith, Ernest Brickhouse, James Madren.

Stewardship—W. Millard Stevens, C. C. Thomas, W. B. Williams, Clyde Fields, T. Fred Wright.

Social Action—A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Roy C. Helfenstein, Johnson L. Griffin, G. C. Mann, J. Vaughan Beale.

Program—Jesse H. Dollar, Duane N. Vore, James H. Lightbourne, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, Thomas H. Britton, Melvin Dollar.

Place—Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Memoirs—I. W. Johnson, M. E. Taylor, John Gallo.

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *President.*
JAMES H. LIGHTBOURNE, *Secretary.*

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The eighty-second annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at Seagrove Christian Church, Seagrove, North Carolina, Wednesday morning, November 5, 1952.

Called to order by Dr. F. C. Lester, President, at 10:00 A. M.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. G. H. Veazey.

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—Dr. F. C. Lester, Revs. M. A. Pollard, John Q. Pugh, G. H. Veazey, M. L. Fogleman, W. T. Madren, L. M. Presnell, E. Carl Brady, R. T. Grissom, B. H. Lowdermilk, T. D. Sutton.

Licentiates—Winfred Bray, Lunnie Burgess, Max Vestal, Bill Simmons, John Bowers, Rosser Lee Clapp.

Churches.

Albemarle—Martin Deese, H. A. Simmons.
Antioch (C)—
Antioch (R)—Avery Brown, Clinton Asbill.
Asheboro—Dalton Harper, Mrs. Orva Brown, Mrs. J. M. Farlow.
Bailey's Grove—Eli H. Cole.
Bennett—
Big Oak—C. L. Cole, Sam Cole.
Biscoe—
Brown's Chapel—Edgar L. Allen, Luther Cox, James Brewer.
Center Grove—
Ether—Allen Vuncanon, W. H. Freeman.
Flint Hill (M)—B. P. Britt, Carson Williams.
Flint Hill (R)—Miss Lola Farlow, Mrs. H. F. Wright.
Grace's Chapel—Mrs. Ralph Foushee, Mrs. H. D. Coggins.
Hank's Chapel—John Ferrell, Clayton Farrell, E. W. Petty.
High Point—Mrs. B. P. Moffitt. Lester A. Smith, Mrs. G. H. Veazey.
Liberty—Mrs. L. M. Presnell, Mrs. C. H. Stanford, Mrs. Coy Fox.
Mt. Pleasant—
Needham's Grove—Mrs. Ulah Reeder, Mrs. Flossie Ritter, Mrs. Coy Comer.
New Center—Elbert Beck, Mrs. Elbert Beck.
Parks Cross Roads—
Patterson's Grove—

Pleasant Cross—Mrs. John Q. Pugh, Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Mrs. Marvin Davis.
Pleasant Grove—Marvin Jones, J. M. Brown.
Pleasant Hill—A. J. Ashley, Mrs. Lawrence Fox, Mrs. M. L. Fogleman.
Pleasant Ridge—S. H. Pell, Mary Cox, Harry Stewart.
Pleasant Union—Clarence Snider.
Providence Chapel—C. B. Brewer, Mrs. C. B. Brewer, H. B. J. Moore.
Ramseur—E. A. Cox, Mrs. E. A. Cox.
Randleman—L. V. Dorsett, Mrs. O. L. Stout, Mrs. S. E. Holland.
Seagrove—O. W. Parks, R. R. Auman, Mrs. B. A. King.
Shady Grove—Mrs. Von Allen, Mrs. Colvin Brown.
Shiloh—N. L. Rumley, Mrs. N. L. Rumley.
Smithwood—Mrs. A. S. Layton, Miss Gladys Wilson, H. C. Smith.
Sophia—R. L. Pearce, Mrs. R. L. Pearce.
Spoon's Chapel—Otis Cox, Mrs. Otis Cox, Mrs. J. R. Johnson.
Union Grove—J. H. Ferree, J. L. Lawson.
Zion—

The following visitors were introduced and seated as deliberative members: Rev. Clyde L. Fields; Gene H. Thomas, a student at Elon College; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Rev. H. P. Bozart, pastor of Community Church, Elon College; Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention; Dr. J. G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Rev. Mack Welch, Rev. Fred Allred, Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson.

Presentation of program by Dr. F. C. Lester, President of the Conference. Motion made and the printed program was made the order of the day, with such changes as may be necessary from time to time.

Special Committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating—Rev. W. T. Madren, Chairman, Rev. Winfred Bray, Clayton Ferrell, Marvin E. Jones, R. R. Auman.

Place—Mrs. L. M. Presnell, Chairman, Mrs. B. H. Lowdermilk, Mrs. G. H. Veazey.

Publicity—Rev. Max Vestal, Chairman, Rev. T. D. Sutton.

Resolutions—Bill Simmons, Chairman, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt, Miss Lola Farlow, Rev. A. L. Lucas, Avery Brown.

Finance—A. E. Cox, Chairman, Vance Dorsett.

Rev. Rosser Lee Clapp, host pastor, was introduced, and gave words of welcome from the group of churches entertaining the conference.

The president made a talk to conference on the general theme: "What in the World Shall We Do?"

The churches of conference were given the opportunity to present their most urgent problems. Thirty churches responded.

Rev. W. T. Madren spoke concerning the C. M. A. work of the conference, then introduced Rev. Winfred Bray, the treasurer of C. M. A.

Dr. Lester introduced Rev. Richard L. Jackson, who addressed the conference on the theme, "I Was a Missionary in China," closing with prayer. The conference was given the privilege to ask Rev. Jackson questions. There wre several questions asked.

The President urged all committees to meet during the noon hour and be ready to give their report when called for.

The host pastor made announcements regarding the lunch and entertainment.

The closing prayer and grace for the table were given by Rev. H. P. Bozart.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the President.

Hymn and prayer by Rev. T. D. Sutton.

Dr. Lester then introduced to conference Rev. William D. Roosa, member of Friends Service Committee, and former pastor of the First Congregational Church, Great Bend, Kansas, who spoke on his duties as a member of that committee.

President Lester gave the chairmen of all committees the opportunity to mention any important items in their reports, so as to be studied by the ministers and delegates before the reports were presented for adoption.

The work of the Southern Convention was discussed by the following, under the general theme, "Problems of the Southern Convention."

The Convention—Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention. Questions were asked and discussed concerning ministers' insurance.

Our Orphanage—Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Orphanage.

Our College—Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College. Dr. Smith asked Dr. F. C. Lester and Dr. W. T. Scott to tell what Elon College had meant to them.

Report on the Ministry by Rev. E. Carl Brady, chairman, was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY.

1. Rev. Winfred Bray, a minister with local licensure, has met the requirements for regular licensure. We recommend that he be recognized as a regular licentiate.
2. Avery Brown, a member of the Biblical Class and of our Antioch Church, has followed a prescribed course of study during the year. We recommend local licensure for him.
3. Gene Thomas, a member of the E. and R. Church and a sophomore at Elon, appeared before the committee. We recommend that he be admitted to the Biblical Class pending his uniting with some church of our denomination and upon recommendation of said church.
4. Lunnie Burgess is the pastor of Center Grove Church. He has been there each Sunday during the year. We recommend local ordination for him.
5. Max Vestal, a senior at Elon and pastor of Pleasant Ridge, and Spoons Chapel, appeared before the committee. We recommend regular ordination for him upon completion of his college course. This ordination service to be held at such time and place as may be acceptable to both Max and the president of conference.
6. We recommend that Bill Simmons be continued as a licentiate.
7. John Bowers, pastor of Smithwood appeared before the committee. We recommend local ordination for brother Bowers at this session of conference.

8. Rosser Lee Clapp, pastor of the group entertaining this session of conference, has finished his work at Elon College. We recommend his ordination at this session of conference.
9. Martin L. Fogleman, a local minister, wishes to be continued in his present status, we so recommend.
10. We recommend that Gail Brady be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.
11. Douglas Harper, a member of the Albemarle Church, is in the local high school completing his education. We recommend his admission to the Biblical Class.
12. Revs. T. D. Sutton and W. T. Madren are transferring their field of labor to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and desire letters of transfer to said conference. We recommend that the secretary issue their letters forthwith.
13. Rev. R. T. Grissom wishes to transfer his membership to this conference from the Eastern North Carolina Conference. We recommend that he be received pending his letter of transfer from that conference.

REV. E. CARL BRADY, *Chairman,*
REV. W. T. MADREN,
REV. G. H. VEAZEY,
REV. B. H. LOWDERMILK,
Committee.

Mrs. Dorothy Jackson was introduced by Dr. Lester. She spoke on the subject, "I Was Your Missionary in China," and showed several articles Chinese use.

Mr. M. T. Garren was introduced and spoke on "A Problem of the Denomination." He represented the Building Society of the General Council. Mr. Garren then introduced Rev. Eric T. Braund of Greenbelt, Maryland. He also spoke on the needs of the Building Society and the campaign for funds.

After a moment of quiet meditation, Rev. Lunnie Burgess pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the president.

Hymn.

Worship service led by Rev. Rosser Lee Clapp, host pastor. Mr. Clemm Shankle gave a poem entitled "Faith." The service closed with a solo by Miss Helen Farlow, "I Am Satisfied With Jesus."

The report on Women's Work was presented by Mrs. Bill Simmons, new District Superintendent of the Asheboro District. Mrs. Burroughs was unable to be present because of illness. The report was adopted as follows:

WOMEN'S WORK.

Mrs. Clyde Fields served as superintendent of the Asheboro District until she moved away last summer. I have served since then, and now Mrs. Bill Simmons is the new superintendent of women's work in this area.

Our greatest concern is the fact that only 15 of the 38 churches in this conference have an organized women's society which cooperates with our denomination. We feel that no church is fulfilling its complete ministry if it does not have such a group. Your superintendent will be happy to meet with any group desiring help in organizing a women's society, or information about organizing one. Call on her.

We also need to have more women from this area attending our three meetings during the year: the School of Missions at Elon College in the summer, which gives

us help for our whole year's work; the fall conference, which will be held next year at our new church in Greensboro; and the spring rally, which will be held in March at Union Grove. Representatives will be welcome even though you do not have an active women's society--come and learn about the work, then go home and work at organizing in your church.

This year we are to study about human rights in the home mission field, Africa for our foreign mission theme, and the Epistle to the Colossians for our Bible study. Our Thank Offering is to go to our home mission work in Carroll County, Virginia, where Rocky Ford is planning to relocate its building.

This is the first time in 22 years that I have not attended Conference. You may be sure that the meeting at Seagrove is in my thoughts and prayers.

MRS. E. P. BOROUGHS.

Laymen's Fellowship report was presented by Sybrant Pell, and adopted as follows:

LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

In the holy Scripture we find these words in Psalm 133: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We have proven this Scripture in our meetings this year. It has been good and very pleasant for us in our meetings. It has been inspiring to see so many men from all ways of life take time out from their daily tasks to come together for our rallies for worship, fellowship, food and fun.

Our plans are to hold four rallies each year, and three have been held this year. At these meetings the attendance has been a total of 257, or an average of 87. We appreciate the interest the ministers have shown by their coming. So far our meetings have been to rally the interests of our men. Now we really expect to go to work on a program that will show results in our church of the future. On November 29 we are to have a Father and Son Banquet. We want you fathers to bring your sons to this meeting. We will make a study of the need for more ministers in our Conference and denomination. The reason behind this is that we believe God is still calling men to his ministry, but in the rush of life there may be some who do not hear the call. We hope that in this meeting our listening may be turned toward God's voice. For our inspiration we will have at this meeting a father and son who have responded to the call to the ministry. They will give us some idea of the great privileges that come to those who heed the call to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel."

By vote of the Laymen's Fellowship, I am directed to make this one request. Let us elect our own chairman. We feel that now we are able to stand alone. We appreciate the interest of the Conference in getting the Fellowship started. We hope that you will continue to be a guiding hand over us, and we promise to work with the Conference in all matters that pertain to the great work of the kingdom of God.

SYBRANT PELL, *Chairman.*

Avery Brown was licensed by President F. C. Lester as recommended by the Committee on the Ministry.

By authority of the vote of conference in adopting the report of the Committee on the Ministry, the ordaining presbytery, F. C. Lester, chairman, ordained Lunnie Burgess and John Bowers to conference ordination. Rosser Lee Clapp was ordained as an Elder. Revs. L. M. Presnell and B. H. Lowdermilk presented the candidates; Rev. W. D. Roosa led the ordaining prayer; Rev. Eric T. Braund delivered the charge; and Rev. G. H. Veazey, presented the Bible.

Dr. Ray Gibbons, Director of Council for Social Action, was introduced by Dr. F. C. Lester, and spoke to the conference on Social Action. Conference recessed until 9:30 Thursday morning. The closing prayer was led by Mr. George T. Gunter, a former president of conference.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference called to order at 9:30 A. M. by the president.

Hymn and prayer led by Rev. Bill Simmons.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The enrollment of ministers and delegates was completed.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Conference were held on November 11, 1951; January 14, April 21, July 25, August 14, and September 21, 1952. Major action by the committee was as follows:

1. Approved a grant-mortgage of $300.00 on the Flint Hill-Sophia parsonage, and authorized the president and secretary to secure an attorney and complete the contract with the Congregational Building Society.

2. Interpreted the action of last Conference to mean that all ministers in regular standing in this Conference who are serving churches within the Southern Convention are to be insured according to plans presented by the Southern Convention. The treasurer was authorized to pay on this basis.

3. Reverends John Bowers and Rosser Lee Clapp were received as licentiates from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

4. Voted to approve delegates to the Southern Convention as recommended by the various churches.

5. Voted to pay $200.00 on expense of delegates to the General Council, and at the request of the president, the amount was divided equally between Mrs. Clyde Fields, Cyrus Shoffner, and Dr. and Mrs. Lester, who were elected as our delegates. Mr. Shoffner could not go, and did not use the money.

6. License was granted Bill Simmons who finished sophomore work in May, and he was licensed by the president on August 17, 1952, in our Albemarle Church.

7. With regret, the Siler City work was discontinued for the present. It is hoped that at a later date there may be a greater response there.

8. Sybrant Pell was elected to represent this Conference on the Southern Convention committee for the campaign for the Building Society.

9. Rev. W. T. Madren was elected chairman of the committee on stewardship to fill the vacancy caused by the moving away of Rev. Clyde Fields.

10. Voted to elect as members of the Sustaining Fund for Elon College, Dr. F. C. Lester, and Revs. M. A. Pollard, W. T. Madren, and R. T. Grissom.

11. Letters of transfer were granted to Rev. W. W. Hall to our Massachusetts conference and Rev. Clyde L. Fields to our Eastern Virginia Conference.

A complete record of all meetings and actions of the executive committee are in the hands of the Secretary, and can be seen by any member of Conference on request. This summary is submitted for information, and approval.

F. C. LESTER, *President.*
M. A. POLLARD, *Secretary.*

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

Rev. Winfred Bray spoke of the attempt to organize a church in Siler City, explaining to conference the situation there.

The report of Committee on Evangelism was presented by Rev. R. T. Grissom, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

A new interest in the values of spiritual man is manifested when the physical man sees his failures. In our age the world seems to have reached a state of material wealth, but an age of spiritual poverty. The strength of our youth is being spent and

sacrificed for reasons vague to many of the best informed people of our day. Communism has taken root in the hearts of peoples of the world. These and other facts make us turn to God as the only way out of the present state of uncertainty and unrest.

Your Committee on Evangelism has done considerable thinking and praying that there may be help given to our Southern Convention in these days of gloom. This report will be made on the basis of the findings of your committee with the other Conference committees of the Southern Convention. This joint committee met in Henderson, North Carolina, on September 23rd, of this year. The following will give you our findings.

1. That Evangelism is the life blood of our church, and must be encouraged:
   A. Through the Sunday School.
   B. Through the Church—pulpit and pew.
   C. Through an active pastors' class.
2. That there are those who need "Re-evangelizing."
   A. The new people who move into the community, who have lost their church zeal and life.
   B. The people who for some cause have lost interest in the church of the community in which they have lived all their lives.

3. That there must be a personal reason for Evangelism. "I believe Jesus lived and died for me and all mankind: a free gift from God; that I and every other person might have life here and now, and through all eternity. In loving recognition of this gift from God to me, I am impelled to bear my witness of that love and gift; by word, and deed, and life. By corporate action with my brethern who likewise recognize God's love, and His Supreme Gift. I shall with them seek to find and use the best possible method to bring others to an acceptance and recognition of this love and Gift."

The September meeting closed with these recommendations for our Southern Convention:

1. That we have a special Evangelistic period throughout the convention. The suggested date is February 25th to Easter.

2. That each church have some special evangelistic emphasis during this period. Methods mentioned were—
   a. Preaching mission.
   b. Revival services.
   c. Pastors' class.
   d. Visitation Evangelistic Campaign (carefully planned).

The committee recommended to each church that we urge regular church attendance, with a hope that they will become more interested in the church and its Christ.

The following recommendation was adopted for approval of the individual conferences:

> That due to Evangelism plans now in progress, and others to be made; that the Conference Committee on Nominations be asked to retain the same chairman for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. R. T. GRISSOM, *Chairman,*
MR. AVERY BROWN,
REV. H. V. COX,
REV. J. U. FOGLEMAN,
MR. N. L. RUMLEY,
Committee.

The report on Christian Education was presented by Bill Simmons, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian Education is the purpose of the Church School, and of the Church as well. The program should be Christ-centered. It should provide training for the individual in every phase of Christian living. This will include the inner-self, so the

person can become a worthy citizen in the kingdom of God. This universe is God's venture to see whether man can succeed in building a kingdom of joy and lasting peace, of truth and eternal love. The educational program of the Church should seek to develop persons who will build such a kingdom here on earth.

Is it fair to say that the educational program in our average church has no definite aim or purpose? Decisions as to programs and methods appear to be made without reference to what is best for all concerned. The aim should be to develop Christ-like character. To reach this goal we need the best materials and methods available.

Your committee is eager to help local schools in every possible way. Call on us whenever you like. The following recommendations may help:

1. Use our own literature. Superintendents are asked to give this matter serious consideration. Albemarle and Seagrove schools began using Pilgrim Series materials in October.

2. Hold Vacation Bible Schools. We are pleased to report 19 such schools this year, which is an increase over last year.

3. Use visual aids. Black boards, flannelgraphs, pictures, slides and films are useful aids. The excellent movie for this year is "More for Peace," and can be secured through the Convention Office at Elon.

4. Support Elon College. It is our college, and it needs our students and our money. We are pleased to report that about fifteen young people from our Conference are students there.

5. Send young people to camps and conferences this year. We need to train our youth through these agencies.

BILL SIMMONS,
MISS FLOSSIE BRAY,
MISS LOLA FARLOW,
MRS. L. A. MORGAN,
W. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

The report on Sunday Schools was presented by Rev. W. W. Thomas, and was adopted as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The annual session of the Western North Carolina Sunday School Convention met at Pleasant Ridge Christian Church on July 15, 1952.

The roll call showed 190 present, representing 22 churches, with 22 reports. Nineteen churches paid their dues in full, three paid in part. Most gratifying to the officers was the fact that a majority of the reports came to the secretary before Convention day, thereby making the day much easier for your president and secretary. We wish to commend each church for your fine cooperation. We feel that there is a growing interest in the work of the Sunday Schools throughout the conference. We pray for the continued cooperation of the superintendents, pastors and Convention officers in order we may have the greatest year ever during 1952-53.

We deeply appreciate the hospitality of the host church shown us during the Convention.

The superintendents' meeting was held last March at the Asheboro Church, and was a great success. We are planning to have another meeting at a time not yet determined.

The Convention will meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in July, 1953, at Hank's Chapel Church, near Pittsboro, N. C.

MR. W. W. THOMAS, *President.*
MRS. ORVA BROWN, *Secretary.*

The report on Religious Literature was presented by Winifred Bray as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Through the years our people have been urged to read the best in Christian literature. Reading will cause us to be better educated, if we use the best books and news sheets. We have noticed that many children read the comic books and the funny section of the newspapers, and look on television for their main information. This is fine, but good books and the Bible should be handled and read by these children. Your committee recommends that the parents should check the children's books and get the best for them to read. They also recommend that they encourage the children to read the Bible, or, better still, read the Bible to them.

For over one hundred years the churches of North Carolina have published *The Christian Sun.* This paper gives us news about our churches, the Convention, missions, college, youth, laymen, and orphanage. *The Christian Sun* should be in every home and every member of the family should read it. Give it your support by subscribing, reading, and sending in worthwhile news.

We want to recommend that everyone read the Bible more each day, because it is a sufficient guide for all people. And, too, the Revised edition of the entire Bible has now been published. This is easy to understand and you should see and read a copy soon. Daily Bible reading will help everyone to be better prepared in years to come.

We recommend that this Conference publish some type of monthly newspaper. We feel this paper will help each of us in our churches to become better acquainted, and also give us new ideas for better work. If such an idea should be adopted by the Conference, we would like to see every church participate one hundred percent. If this paper is a success, you must subscribe for it, read it, and send all your church news in each month.

WINFRED BRAY,
MRS. QUINTON HICKS,
MRS. RALPH FOUSHEE,
STACY HAYES,
EDGAR FREEMAN,
Committee.

The report on Religious Literature was adopted, after the Special Committee appointed reported as follows:

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. That we adopt the conference fund as recommended by the Committee on Apportionment, and that we do not attempt to raise the dollar per member this year.
2. That if during the year it appears to be feasible, the Executive Committee be authorized to secure a part-time worker if sufficient funds can be made available.
3. That no attempt be made for a regular issue of a conference news sheet, but that an occasional news letter be sent when advisable.

The report of the Special Committee was adopted.

Report on Church Grouping was presented by Rev. T. D. Sutton, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH GROUPING.

It is the belief of your Committee on Church Grouping that the Western North Carolina Conference has formed such a committtee and given then a part on this program for the purpose of rendering some help to our churches and ministers.

As to this committee rendering any helpful service this past year, we are not sure. Although, we were invited to attend a meeting at the Pleasant Ridge Church with the pulpit committees of Pleasant Ridge, Ramseur, Union Grove and Spoon's Chapel Churches. There were two members of the Church Grouping Committee present.

As chairman of this committee the Biscoe Church asked me to write letters for them to be sent to the following churches: Big Oak, Flint Hill (M), and Brown's Chapel and their pastors to see if they would be interested in forming a group with one pastor to serve them. Of the four churches, three were in favor of forming a group. One church replied that they were satisfied with their present set-up.

Two members of the Church Grouping Committee did meet at the called meeting by the President of the Conference at the Asheboro Church.

All of us know to make Church Grouping a useful thing in this Conference simply means that the churches that are closely located will have to come together in an agreement to call a minister in their field to serve them and not have a minister driving across the Conference to serve two or three churches. We, also, know that it will save time and expense for the minister and enable the churches to receive more pastoral service when the minister is living close to his churches.

According to our rules, if churches ever group together in groups it will have to be done by the churches and not by any committee. The committee can suggest and do as much as the churches will allow them.

Therefore, the committee reminds the churches that the greater responsibility is theirs when it comes to Church Grouping.

We commend the churches that have grouped together and ask for our services.

THOMAS D. SUTTON, *Chairman,*
VON ALLEN,
RICHARD BREWER,
ALTON RICHARDSON,
W. W. RITTER,
ERNEST SCOTT,
Committee.

Dr. F. C. Lester introduced Rev. Carl R. Key, representing Christian Rural Overseas Program, and Rev. W. J. Andes of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

The Home Missions report was presented by Rev. J. Q. Pugh as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Some progress has been made in this Conference during the past year, but greater work could have done if there had been more money available. For instance, if we could have put a minister in Siler City and help to build a church, success might have come to us there. And Bailey's Grove needs a new building. Here are opportunities for us. And there are many more.

It is important that the lay members of our churches become aware of the work that needs to be done, and the ways in which they can help. Last year the Conference voted to ask each member to give a dollar so we can get needed work done right here in our midst. Membership in the C. M. A. is another way to help. Your committee fully believes that a hearty response in these two ways will mean a new day for our Conference.

We recommend that:

1. Each church pay the dollar per member as voted last year, and that C. M. A. memberships be greatly increased.

2. The churches unite in pastorates so there can be more effective work done by the ministers, since we have so few ministers.

3. Pastors urge their members to become tithers, for God said: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, . . . if I will not . . . pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it."

4. All churches pay their Apportionments in full.

5. Sophia and Flint Hill churches be granted $100 on their parsonage.

6. A field worker be secured to give at least part time to the work of the Conference, and that payment be made from the mission funds of the Conference.

JOHN Q PUGH,
PAUL G WILSON,
MRS. SHERMAN MANESS,
Committee.

The report of Committee on Home Missions was adopted, after an amendment was adopted that Item 5 of the report should read, that Sophia-Flint Hill churches be granted $100 on their parsonage, on condition that they are to raise the remaining $200.

The chairman of the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionment, Rev. W. T. Madren, explained the reason for an increase in Conference Fund.

Rev. Carl R. Key spoke to conference on the Council's work through Christian Rural Overseas Program.

The host pastor announced arrangements for lunch.

The closing prayer and grace for the table was given by Rev. M. L. Fogleman.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:30 P. M. by the president.

Hymn and prayer led by Max Vestal.

Items 1 and 6 of Home Missions report to be rewritten so as to read as recorded in the Special Committee report Item 1 and 2, respectively. This was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. L. M. Presnell, chairman, and was adopted as follows.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee had a meeting on September 14 at our Asheboro Church with Max Vestal and L. M. Presnell present. We reported to the larger group there that day as follows:

"Do unto others as you would have them do to you." We have never known religious persecution as it exists in many parts of the world today. We have never been kept away from church by the civil authorities. We have never been afraid to declare publicly our belief in God. We have never been constantly afraid for our very lives. And it is true that we have never thought much about the people in foreign lands who live with these problems.

"There are millions of people on this earth, our brothers, who have not even heard of Jesus Christ. There are millions of people, our brothers, who are being overrun with Communism, a false doctrine that denies the very existence of God. There are millions of our brothers in foreign lands who are naked, hungry, sick and in prison. Will we minister to them, remembering that to do so is to minister unto Jesus Christ? Jesus gathered the whole world to His feet. When we turn our backs on any of His children, we turn our backs on the Master. This is not the direction that the W. N. C. Conference wishes to turn. Only as we accept the cross can we hope to realize Christ's kingdom on earth. Only so can we see peace rising over war, understanding over ignorance, and love over hate."

There are many things we can do. One is to pay Apportionment in full. This we hope all churches will do. The Women's Societies are to be commended for the work they are doing.

We recommend that each church have mission study and use the penny a meal plan during Mission Period.

Let us remember that the more we give the Gospel to others the more we have for ourselves. That applies to all church organizations—Sunday school, laymen, women, and young people.

L. M. PRESNELL,
MRS. B. P. MOFFITT,
LUNNIE BURGESS,
MAX VESTAL,
Committee.

The report on Ministerial and Church Relations was presented by G. H. Veazey, and was adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS.

We all agree that the Church is the greatest institution known among men. It is all-inclusive. "Whosoever will" may participate in its service, and share its joys and blessings, which are countless. It is essential that every church have a minister to lead and instruct the people in morals and religion. The primary purpose of every church should be to win souls to Christ. "He that winneth souls is wise." The minister is chosen by the church to be the servant of the whole church and community, and never to become a dictator. "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

The Church should cooperate with the minister in planning the work, and working the plan, that the power and influence of the church will be felt throughout the entire brotherhood and community. This will be the case if Ministerial and Church Relations are as they should be.

We recommend that the church cooperate more carefully and prayerfully with the minister in every phase of the work, keeping in mind the words of Jesus when he said, "I will build my Church," and never forget the fact that "Jesus loved the Church and gave himself for it."

G. H. VEAZEY, *Chairman,*
PAUL BRITT,
L. V. DORSETT,
ROLAND FARRELL,
MRS. O. T. WICKER,
Committee.

The report on Nominations was presented by Rev. W. T. Madren as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, offer the following report:

President—Rev. M. A. Pollard.
Vice-President—Rev. Guy H. Veazey.
Secretary—Dr. F. C. Lester.
Assistant Secretary—Rev. Max Vestal.
Treasurer—Mr. Ira L. McDowell.
Historian—Rev. John Q. Pugh.

Chairman to be elected by laymen's organization of North Carolina Council of Churches.

REV. R. T. GRISSOM,
MR. MARVIN JONES,

The report on Stewardship and Apportionment was presented by Rev. W. T. Madren, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS.

The apostle Paul was a past master at raising money for the work of the Lord. In preparing the Corinthian Church for an offering, he wrote: "Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf." This statement about proving your love got them. A large offering was received; the starving people in Jerusalem were fed; and the church at Corinth received a greater blessing.

Our talk about loving God is not sufficient proof of our love unless it is coupled with action—the stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure. We do not prove our love to God by just piously thanking him for blessings, and asking for more. To prove our love we must make real sacrifice for time, talent, and treasure. Furthermore, we must prove our love on God's terms. We must give through his Church that mothers the soul.

We ask, "How much?" The Jew, under the Law, was required to tithe. To the Christian Jesus says: "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees you shall in no case enter the kingdom of heaven."

Three principles of Christian stewardship should be kept in mind. This is God's world. We are stewards in God's world. We must give an account of our stewardship.

The following recommendations point out ways in which we can prove our love as Christian stewards We recommend:

1. That this Conference adopt apportionments as listed on the other side of this paper and make it part of its records; that each church accept the apportionments as a sacred obligation and consider them as minimum amounts to be given to these enterprises; and that each item be paid in full before overpayment is made on any one.

2. That each church pay 20 cents per member to the Conference treasurer for ministerial insurance. This should be paid by December 15, 1952.

3. That the minimum salary for a full-time pastor, with family, be $3,000.00 and parsonage.

4. That each minister be a member of the Annuity Fund, and that the churches pay one half of the dues of at least 6 per cent of salary.

5. That the churches seek to raise $1.00 per member for a Sustaining Fund for Elon College, and cooperate in the effort to complete the campaign for $2,500,000.00 for Elon College.

6. That the Conference and churches cooperate with the Building Department of the Home Boards of our denomination in raising $4,500,000.00 for a Loan Fund. This Conference is asked to raise $11,476.00 by March 1, 1956. We recommend that our goal be $11,500.00, and that we do our best to secure that amount.

We further recommend that the Conference President, Conference Church Building Loan Fund Campaign Chairman—Mr. S. H. Pell—and the Convention Chairman—Mr. M. T. Garren—complete the Conference organization for the Campaign, and that the Conference Campaign Committee allocate quotas to the several churches of the Conference, and with the Convention and National Campaign Committees promote the purposes of the Campaign to a successful conclusion.

7. That the committee on stewardship be responsible for at least one Stewardship Institute during the year, and that the churches promote stewardship through the church, Sunday school and other agencies.

W. T. MADREN, *Chairman,*
H. L. BEANE,
E. H. COLE,
MISS SARAH ELLISON,
MRS. I. L. MCDOWELL,
Committee.

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1952-53.

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	National Boards	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Ministerial Scholarships	Christian Sun	Per Capita Dues	Convention Fund	Conference Fund	Total
Albemarle	$ 70	$ 100	$ 60	$ 75	$ 75	$ 20	$ 5	$ 10	$ 30	$ 95	$ 65	$ 605
Antioch (C)	20	25	20	20	25	10	5	5	15	40	20	205
Antioch (R)	20	25	15	10	10	10	5	5	10	20	10	140
Asheboro	100	125	60	50	50	20	5	10	15	50	70	555
Bailey's Grove	15	15	10	15	15	10	5	5	5	20	25	140
Bennett	15	15	10	15	15	10	5	5	5	20	20	135
Big Oak	45	50	35	40	40	20	5	5	10	60	35	345
Biscoe	15	15	15	10	10	10	5	5	5	20	20	130
Brown's Chapel	30	40	25	20	20	10	5	5	25	60	30	270
Center Grove	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	65
Ether	35	45	30	40	30	10	5	5	10	60	40	310
Flint Hill (M)	20	25	20	20	20	10	5	5	5	30	20	180
Flint Hill (R)	20	25	20	20	20	10	5	5	5	30	30	190
Grace's Chapel	50	60	40	50	50	20	5	5	20	60	55	415
Hank's Chapel	90	110	65	60	60	20	5	10	20	60	60	560
High Point	30	40	25	30	30	10	5	5	10	50	40	275
Liberty	35	50	30	30	35	10	5	10	10	50	40	305
Mt. Pleasant	25	30	20	25	25	10	5	10	5	45	30	230
Needham's Grove	30	35	25	20	20	10	5	10	15	50	40	260
New Center	25	30	20	20	25	10	5	10	10	40	35	230
Park's Cross Roads	25	30	20	20	20	10	5	5	20	40	35	230
Patterson's Grove	10	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	15	15	100
Pleasant Cross	20	25	20	20	20	10	5	10	5	40	35	210
Pleasant Grove	45	50	35	35	35	10	5	10	35	50	55	365
Pleasant Hill	95	125	85	75	75	35	5	10	30	100	90	725
Pleasant Ridge	85	120	70	65	65	20	5	10	25	95	80	640
Pleasant Union	20	25	20	20	20	10	5	10	5	40	40	215
Providence Chapel	15	15	10	5	10	5	5	5	5	10	10	95
Ramseur	70	100	60	60	60	20	5	10	15	65	50	115
Randleman	35	50	30	35	35	20	5	10	5	40	45	310
Seagrove	35	40	30	40	40	20	5	10	10	65	50	345
Shady Grove	20	25	15	20	20	5	5	5	10	30	25	180
Shiloh	30	40	25	35	35	10	5	5	15	40	40	280
Smithwood	35	50	30	45	40	10	5	10	20	65	45	355
Sophia	20	25	15	20	20	20	5	10	10	45	45	235
Spoon's Chapel	20	25	15	20	20	10	5	5	5	30	35	190
Union Grove	20	25	15	20	20	10	5	5	10	40	50	220
Zion	20	25	15	20	20	10	5	5	15	40	30	205
Totals	$1,315	$1,670	$1,070	$1,140	$1,145	$ 485	$ 190	$ 275	$ 480	$1,720	$1,470	$ 10,960

An increase in the Convention Fund of $600.00, and putting the Ministers' Insurance into the Apportionment Table was voted down by conference.

A motion was adopted by Conference to refer the adjustment of Apportionments and other matters of finance to the Executive Committee.

The report on Moral Reform was presented by Rev. M. L. Fogleman, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MORAL REFORM.

We have no secret word tucked away in our mind that we are about to utter which will cause a Reformation to be placed on our doorstep. The corruptness has not been brought upon our land because someone spoke a magic word, but because down through the years seeds have been sown that have sprouted, and grown, and today are blossoming forth toward a bountiful harvest.

None of us want to take the blame for sowing these seeds. It must have been done by an enemy while we were asleep.

If we are to overcome this evil we must overcome with good. We recommend we sow seeds of goodness in the places they will bring the best results.

1 — The Home.

It has been said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." We believe that parents should spend more time rocking the cradle, and planting seeds of goodness on these tender hearts.

2 — The Church.

We, as Christians, are commissioned to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Let us go forth with full assurance that "The Word" is powerful to combat evil.

3 — Our Schools.

The schools of our land should work in unity with the homes and churches. On a few occasions young people have come to us with this problem on their minds. They had received definite teaching in their home and church. Since they had gone to school some things were placed before them there that were contrary to their previous training. We do not believe any school has the right to teach anything that would tempt our youth to disobey their parents in the Lord, or contrary to the teaching of Christ. We should keep in close contact with our schools and work together for the advancement of better moral conditions.

M. L. FOGLEMAN, *Chairman,*
C. B. BREWER,
E. M. MARKS,
G. A. RUSSEL,
C. W. WICKER,
Committee.

The report on Superannuation was presented by Mr. A. E. Cox, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The relief work among our retired ministers, ministers' widows and dependents is supported by the Board of Superannuation through our national Board of Home Missions, New York. Money contributed for Superannuation through the Apportionment is paid by the churches direct to the Convention Office. The Convention remits all funds received to our New York office, and regular checks are mailed to our pensioners. We regret to say that our contributions to the Division of Ministerial Relief of our Board of Home Missions from the Convention are considerably below the amounts which they in turn pay to our pensioners.

We urge our churches to pay in full the Apportionment for Superannuation and exceed it if possible. We ask each church to see that their pastor is a member of the Annuity Fund of the denomination. We urge every church to receive a special Christmas offering for our aged ministers, the Veterans of the Cross. This offering constitutes a fund from which extra checks are sent to our retired ministers; also to cases of hardship or sickness.

At the 1952 session of the Southern Convention it was voted that the work of the Board of Superannuation should be done through our Mission Board of the Conven-

tion. In future Apportionment, therefore, there is an item, "National Home Missions and Ministerial Relief." This item replaces the former item designated "Superannuation." In the Conference Year 1952-53 we urge our people to pay in full this item for our National Home Missions, that our aged ministers may be adequately supported.

E. A. COX, *Chairman,*
L. M. MURRAY,
J. L. CAVINESS,
HARVEY SMITH,
Committee.

The report on Place was presented by Mrs. G. H. Veazey as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

We, your Committee on Place, have been invited to Pleasant Hill and Brown's Chapel. Since Pleasant Hill asked for Conference this year, we, as your Committee, decided to accept their invitation for next year.

MRS. L. M. PRESNELL, *Chairman,*
MRS. B. H. LOWDERMILK,
MRS. G. H. VEAZEY,
Committee.

The report was adopted, and conference will convene with Pleasant Hill Church in 1953.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Mr. I. L. McDowell as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in Treasury at close of last Conference	$ 259.89
RECEIPTS.	
C. M. A., Rev. Carl Brady	71.25
C. M. A., Rev. H. W. Brady	170.00
Mr. Cyrus Shoffner, for Siler City Work	20.00
H. M. Robbins, Attorney	20.06
From Churches to November 6, 1952	1,695.72
Total Balance and Receipts to November 6, 1952	$2,236.92
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Rev. M. A. Pollard, salary and postage	$ 35.00
W. H. Freeman, salary and postage	10.00
Dr. F. C. Lester, flowers and postage	25.00
Rev. W. T. Madren, flowers for Rev. Earp	7.50
Rev. W. Millard Stevens, traveling expense	10.00
Rev. J. Q. Pugh, Home Missions, Bennett Church	50.00
North Carolina Council of Churches	75.00
Rent, Siler City building	500.00
Southern Convention Office, pastors' insurance	791.04
Dr. & Mrs. F. C. Lester, expense to General Council, California	100.00
Mrs. Clyde Fields, expense to General Council, California	50.00
Southern Convention Office, Minutes and Annuals	153.80
Rev. William Andes, traveling expense	5.00
J. Harvey Luck, Attorney's Fee	15.00
Dr. F. C. Lester, printing magazine programs	64.10
	$1,891.44
Balance in Treasury November 6, 1952	$ 320.76

J. L. MCDOWELL, *Treasurer.*

This report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented by A. E. Cox as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Finance Committee has examined the Treasurer's Report and finds the same to be correct. We leave it in the hands of the Executive Committee of Conference to recommend such payment of funds and expenses as are customary for Conference to pay.

PAUL WILSON, *Chairman,*
VANCE DORSETT,
A. E. COX,
Committee.

The Treasurer's report and the report on Finance were adopted.

The report of Committee on Resolutions was presented by Bill Simmons, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your committee on resolutions, submit the following items for consideration:

1. Resolved that we express, by standing, our deep appreciation to the pastor and members of the Seagrove, Ether and Shady Grove churches for the gracious manner in which they have entertained this session of the Western North Carolina Conference; for their excellent meals and their gracious hospitality in entertaining the delegates.

2. That we thank the members of the program committee in planning and executing the splendid program.

3. That we thank the speakers who have come to us from a distance to bring information and inspiration, especially Rev. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, Mr. M. T. Garren, Rev. Eric T. Braund, Rev. William B. Roosa, Dr. Ray Gibbons, and Rev. W. J. Andes.

4. We express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to our officers of the past year for their hard work and faithful attendance and guidance.

5. That we express our regret in the absence of two of our most faithful members and co-workers, Mrs. E. P. Burroughs and Rev. H. V. Cox, who are both absent for the first time in twenty-two years.

BILL SIMMONS, *Chairman,*
MISS LOLA FARLOW,
MRS. B. P. MOFFITT,
REV. AVERY BROWN,
REV. A. L. LUCAS,

A motion was adopted by conference that we have the minutes of this session of Conference printed in THE ANNUAL, as usual, and that we purchase 150 copies.

The Secretary of conference was authorized to send out a Christmas copy of the *Conference Reporter* containing the essential things done by Conference to all the churches. This was adopted by conference.

A motion was adopted to express to Rev. Carl Key our appreciation for his speaking to the Conference, and saying that we will work in cooperation with C. R. O. P.

Motion adopted by conference to refer all unfinished business to the Executive Committee to be completed by them.

The pastor of the host church spoke words of appreciation for conference having met with them, and for the wonderful cooperation of Ether and Shady Grove Churches.

The C. M. A. meeting was postponed until a later date.

Rev. Winfred Bray led a memorial service in memory of the late Rev. D. R. Moffitt who so faithfully served for thirty-three years in this area. Many of our churches were blessed by the services of this godly minister of the gospel. He was faithful to the church, the conference, and to God.

Communion service was conducted by Rev. W. J. Andes of Winston-Salem Church, assisted by Revs. Max Vestal, T. D. Sutton, R. L. Clapp, and G. H. Veazey; this being the final service of this session of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Conference adjourned to meet at Pleasant Hill Christian Church on Wednesday after the first Sunday in November, 1953.

F. C. LESTER, *President.*
M. A. POLLARD, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee—M. A. Pollanrd, Chairman, F. C. Lester, Max Vestal, I. L. McDowell, S. H. Pell.

Home Missions—John Q. Pugh, Chairman, L. H. Brady, Paul Wilson.

Foreign Missions—L. M. Presnell, Chairman, Lunnie Burgess, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt.

Evangelism—R. T. Grissom, Chairman, H. V. Cox, N. L. Rumley.

Stewardship and Apportionment—Cyrus Shoffner, Chairman, H. L. Bean, E. H. Cole.

Ministry—E. Carl Brady, Chairman, J. U. Fogleman, B. H. Lowdermilk, G. H. Veazey.

Christian Education—Bill Simmons, Chairman, Miss Lola Farlow, W. W. Thomas.

Religious Literature—Winfred Bray, Chairman, Stacy Hayes, Edgar Freeman.

Superannuation—Arthur Cox, Chairman, J. A. Caviness, L. M. Murray.

Ministerial and Church Relations—G. H. Veazey, Chairman, L. V. Dorsett, Rowland Farrell.

Moral Reform—M. L. Fogleman, Chairman, John Bowers, Avery Brown.

Church Grouping—Rosser Lee Clapp, Chairman, Von Allen, Alton Richardson, W. W. Ritter.

Elon College Sustaining Fund—F. C. Lester, M. A. Pollard, R. T. Grissom, Cyrus Shoffner.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Brady, E. Carl—No report.

Cox, H. V.—Churches, Brown's Chapel, New Center; sermons, 41; conversions, several; members received, 13; baptisms, 6; funerals, 4; salary, $992.18; field next year, same.

Clapp, R. L.—Churches, Mebane, Zion, Seagrove, Ether, Shady Grove; sermons, 97; conversions, 37; members received, 5; addresses, 1; funerals, 1; salary, $1,970.00; field next year, Seagrove, Ether, Shady Grove.

Fogleman, J. U.—Church, Providence Chapel; sermons, 48; conversions, 12; baptisms, 11; weddings, 1; funerals, 5; salary, $446.31; field next year, same.

Fogleman, M. L.—Churches, Pleasant Cross, Needham's Grove; sermons, 61; conversions, 9; members received, 8; baptisms, 5; weddings, 1; funerals, 3; salary, $1,298.81; field next year, same.

Fisher, Park W.—Retired.

Green, T. J.—Retired.

Grissom, R. T.—Churches, Shiloh, Hank's Chapel and New Elam (E. N. C.); sermons, 130; members received, 39; baptisms, 17; prayer meetings, 50; weddings, 6; funerals, 13; salary $2,600.00; field next year, same.

Lester, F. C.—Church, Asheboro; sermons, 80; conversions, 4; members 8; baptisms, 4; prayer meetings, 10; addresses, 15; weddings, 3; funerals, 2; salary, $4,000.00; field next year, same.

Lucas, A. L.—No church; sermons, 22; conversions, 8; prayer meetings, 7; weddings, 4; addresses, 3; funerals, 7.

Lankford, G. O.—Retired.

Lowdermilk, B. H.—Churches, Randleman, Pleasant Grove; sermons, 200; conversions, 23; members, 5; baptisms, 2; prayer meetings, 8; weddings, 8; funerals, 30; salary, $1,934.08; field next year, Pleasant Union.

Madren, W. T.—Churches, Sophia, Flint Hill (R), Bailey's Grove, Big Oak; sermons, 150; conversions, 8; members received, 4; baptisms, 4; addresses, 3; weddings, 3; funerals, 7; salary, $2,490.

Pugh, J. Q.—Church, Bennett; sermons, 24; members received, 2; addresses, 2; weddings, 2; funerals, 4; salary, $200.00; field next year, same.

Presnell, L. M.—Church, Liberty; sermons, 82; conversions, 8; members received, 2; baptisms, 2; prayer meetings, 41; addresses, 2; weddings, 1; funerals, 8; salary, $1,200.00; field next year, same.

Pollard, M. A.—Church, Pleasant Hill; sermons, 67; conversions, 10; members, 13; baptisms, 13; prayer meetings, 52; addresses, 1; weddings, 3; funerals, 17; salary, $2,250.00; field next year, same.

Sutton, T. D.—Church, Albemarle; sermons, 97; conversions, 7; baptisms, 7; members received, 15; prayer meetings, 37; addresses, 2; weddings, 3; funerals, 4; salary, $2,932.00; field next year, Bethel, Concord, Mt. Zion (N. C. & Va. Conference).

Veazey, G. H.—Church, High Point; sermons, 88; conversions, 3; members, 3; baptisms, 3; weddings, 2; funerals, 2; salary, $2,452.00; field next year, same.

LICENTIATES.

Bray, Winfred—Churches, Antioch, Siler City; sermons, 53; conversions, 10; members received, 6; addresses, 3; prayer meetings, 6; funerals, 2; salary, $895.00; field next year, Antioch, Union, Randleman.

Bowers, J. T.—Church, Smithwood; sermons, 118; conversions, 10; members, 16; prayer meetings, 35; salary, $824.00; field next year, same.

Burgess, L. W.—Church, Center Grove; sermons, 33; prayer meetings, 30; salary, $96.00; field next year, same.

Vestal, Max—Churches, supply at Elon College Community, Pleasant Ridge, Spoon's Chapel; sermons, 50; addresses, 10; prayer meetings, 2; salary, $875.00; field next year, Pleasant Ridge, Spoon's Chapel.

Simmons, Bill—Churches, Grace's Chapel, Ramseur; sermons, 39; conversions, 18; members, 1; salary, $240.00; student at Elon College; field next year, Grace's Chapel, Pleasant Grove.

BIBLICAL CLASS

Brown, Avery—Sermons, 53.

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BETHLEHEM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ALTAMAHAW, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 11-12, 1952

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TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The 127th annual session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Bethlehem Congregational Christian Church at Altamahaw, North Carolina, November 11 and 12, 1952, and was called to order by the President, W. W. Snyder, at 10:00 A. M., November 11th.

The hymn and prayer were led by J. R. Lackey.

The roll of ministers and churches was called and a quorum was found present. The complete enrollment for the session included twenty-six ordained ministers and one hundred eleven delegates, representing forty-four of the forty-eight churches of the conference, as follows:

ENROLLMENT.

Ministers—Fred Allred, M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, D. J. Bowden, T. F. Bowers, H. P. Bozarth, G. C. Crutchfield, John Graves, S. C. Harrell, T. G. Humphries, C. R. Key, B. A. Leebrick, R. M. Petersen, F. E. Ratzell, K. D. Register, F. E. Reynolds, H E. Robinson, W. W. Sloan, W. W. Snyder, M. T. Sorrell, M. V. Welch, W. E. Wisseman.

Local Conference Ordination—E. J. Clawson, J. R. Lackey, G. J. Rice, J. L. Stanley.

Licentiate—Herman Lee Johnson.

Biblical Class—Sammy Nelson.

Churches and Delegates.

Apple's Chapel—Mary I. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Apple (alternate).

Asheville—Mrs. Frank E. Ratzell, Mrs. J. S. Burnham.

Belew Creek—Miss Jean Martin, Mrs. J. G. Neal, Jr., Mrs. T. R. Preston (alternate), Mrs. Emma Martin (alternate).

Berea—Mrs. J. M. McIntyre, Mrs. W. S. Franks.

Bethel—Mrs. J. M. Hurdle, Joe H. King, A. S. Fitch, Mrs. G. M. Herndon (alternate).

Bethlehem—C. T. Kernodle, Clyde Iseley, C. H. Sutton, Ed. Patterson.

Burlington:

Beverly Hills—H. W. McKinney, Z. H. Lynch, Mrs. Manley Hurdle (alternate).

First—Mrs. H. W. Ingle, Edith I. Walker, Nellie Fleming, W. R. Sellars, Mrs. H. J. Hefke (alternate).
Lakeview—Henry Snipes, J. A. Rascoe.
Carolina—Mrs. K. T. Murray, Mrs. Elsie Concilman, Mrs. J. H. Phillips, Mrs. Royal Councilman (alternate).
Concord—Mrs. Edgar Simmons, Mrs. Olive U. Underwood.
Danville—Mrs. A. E. Rice, Mrs. D. W. Marshall, Mrs. Mattie Ferrell.
Durham—Mrs. N. W. Langston, W. H. Elder.
Elk Spur—Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Wolfe.
Elon College—Mrs. L. E. Smith, Mrs. W. T. Scott, Mrs. Howard Loy, Dr. J. G. Truitt, Mrs. J. W. Matlock (alternate).
Gibsonville—Mrs. Asa Daniely, Mrs. H. O. Wyrick.
Graham, Providence Memorial—Robert M. Russell.
Greensboro:
Calvary—No representation.
First—S. D. Scott, M. T. Garren, Mrs. R. L. Caviness, Mrs. Ben B. Fort, Mrs. T. Fred Rudd (alternate).
Palm Street—Mrs. A. J. Harris, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. A. H. Hinshaw, Mrs. P. R. Hall.
Happy Home—Mr. and Mrs. Wharton Carroll, Louise Sparks.
Haw River—Pearl Smith, Mrs. J. C. Wilkins.
Hebron—Mrs. C. V. Arrington, Mrs. J. H. Williamson.
Hines Chapel—O. W. Hines, Mrs. B. S. Carter, Mrs. G. H. Carter, Hubert Iseley.
Hopedale—Mrs. John W. Long, Mrs. Elmo Faulkner, Mrs. Arthur Foster, Mrs. B. F. Blanchard (alternate).
Howard's Chapel—Not represented.
Ingram—Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Satterfield.
Kallam's Grove—Mrs. Jess Payne, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Faulks.
Lebanon—H. G. Earp, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wells.
Liberty—C. S. Wilkins, James T. Whitt.
Long's Chapel—Mrs. J. I. Chandler, Mrs. H. A. Jeffreys.
Mebane—Lillie D. Fowler, Della Fowler, R. C. Mason, Jr. (alternate).
Monticello—Mrs. Hugh Gordon, Mrs. Norman Rudd.
Mt. Bethel—Mrs. L. P. Rippy.
New Lebanon—Mrs. C. C. Griffin.
Pfafftown—Nellie Walls, Mrs. Julius Franklin, Mrs. R. L. Stephens (alternate).
Pleasant Grove—Not represented.
Pleasant Ridge—H. B. Nelson, F. E. Marbert.
Reidsville, First—Mrs. J. B. Underwood, Mrs. Edd. Chilton, Mrs. W. E. Briggs, Mrs. T. G. Humphries.
Rocky Ford—Sarah Jones, Mrs. K. M. Marsh.
Salem Chapel—Mrs. J. C. Crews, Mrs. C. O. Koon.
Shallow Ford—Ollie Routh, Boyd Tickell, Mrs. Kate Selden.
Tryon, Congregational Church of Christ—By letter.
Union (N. C.)—Mrs. Preston Boswel, Mrs. W. A. McCauey, Mrs. J. H. Rascoe, J. Robert Walker.

Union (Va.)—S. Reams Long, Mrs. J. R. Murrey, Mrs. Lula Seat, Mrs. Arthur Rice.
Winston-Salem, United—Fred Tubbs.
Zion—Mrs. E. L. Pitts.

It was moved and carried that the application of the Likeview Community Church, near Burlington, N. C., as presented below, be approved and that the church be received into the membership of this Conference:

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ—

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, as we trust members of the Body of Christ, having exercised repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21), being desirous of associating ourselves together as a Congregational Christian Church, agree to be governed by the following Principles:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.
2. Christian is a sufficient name for the Church.
3. The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character is a sufficient test of fellowship and of Church membership.
5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and a privilege that should be accorded to and exercised by all.

We subscribe to the Cardinal Principles and Government of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, and being desirous of associating ourselves in Christ with the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Southern Convention, we agree to submit ourselves to the Brethren in the Lord, and to be governed by the Principles and Government of the Congregational Christian Churches of the Southern Convention.

We hereby associate ourselves as Charter Members of the Lakeview Community Church (Congregational Christian), R. F. D., Burlington, North Carolina; we invite other persons to join us in this Christian enterprise either by Confession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Reaffirmation of Faith, or by Letter of Transfer from other evangelical churches; and we hereby request membership in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

Done this the 24th Day of August in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Two, County of Alamance, State of North Carolina.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

By Letter—L. M. Cobb, Mrs. L. M. Cobb, Mr. Kelley Wilson, Mrs. Kelley Wilson, Mr. J. A. Rascoe, Mrs. Dorothy Woody, Mr. Larry Wilson, Mr. James Woody,
Reaffirmation—Mrs. Merita Perry, Mrs. Omie Snipes, Mr. Henry Snipes, Mr. T. J. Foster.
By Faith—Mr. Homer Crutchfield, Shirley Cobb, Mrs. Winniford Porterfield, Miss Jean Saunders, Miss Gloria Saunders, Miss Linda Cobb, Miss Nancy Lee, Mr. Elbert Porterfield.

M. W. Andes presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as Conference may find it necessary to make.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, approved the following resolution on December 3, 1951:

RESOLUTION.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference (a member of the Southern Christian Convention, and of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Church) in session regularly called and held on this the 3rd day of December, 1951, at Durham, North Carolina, notice of which meeting was given in apt time to all members of the Committee, and a quorum being present, that the officers and/or trustees of the First Congregational Christian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina be and they are hereby authorized in the name of said local church to borrow from Security National Bank of Greensboro, North Carolina, from time to time, and in such amounts as they may deem necessary, funds or money for the purpose of paying for labor and materials to be used in the construction of the new building of said church in the City of Greensboro; and that said Conference does hereby give its consent to said borrowing and to the pledge of any or all property of the church to secure the repayment of money so borrowed, regardless of in whose name the title to any property of the local church now stands; provided the total of said money borrowed shall not exceed *ninety thousand dollars* ($90,000.00).

I, William J. Andes, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee of said Conference duly and regularly called and held at the the time and place stated in the resolution, of which meeting notice was given in apt time and which meeting was attended by a quorum or majority of the members of the Committee.

This the 3rd day of December, 1951.

(SEAL)

WILLIAM J. ANDES, *Secretary,*
Executive Committee of North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference.

The president of the conference was asked to confer with Superintendent W. T. Scott as to the advisability of a joint session of the Executive Committees of the three North Carolina Conferences. Such a meeting was held at Elon College on January 7, 1952, to work out plans for "Group Insurance" for pastors and their dependents. The following agreements were made:

1. That each Conference will pay the insurance premium for its enrolled ministers (ordained, licensed, local ordination, local licensure) serving as pastors or assistant pastors within the Southern Convention, provided the church or churches served pay their insurance and Conference Fund.
2. Supply pastors will not be covered.
3. If a man ceases to be a pastor and is covered by this insurance, his insurance will cease after thirty-one (31) days unless special arrangements are made.
4. The conference would pay on Annual Basis in advance, unless other provision is made.
5. Pastors should place their membership in the conference where they serve churches.

Your Committee approved on March 20, 1952, the following letters of transfer on recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry:

William A. Rich with local Conference Ordination to the Eastern North Carolina Conference;

Rosser Lee Clapp as a licensed ministers to the Western North Carolina Conference;

John T. Bowers with conference licensure to the Western North Carolina Conference.

Your Committee on March 20, 1952, approved the ordination of John S. Graves to the Gospel Ministry upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry. Mr. Graves was ordained at Burlington, N. C., on May 22, 1952, with the following serving on the ordaining presbytery: D. J. Bowden, W. T. Scott, H. E. Robinson, H. P. Bozarth, W. W. Snyder.

Your Committee on May 15, 1952, approved the ordination of Richard M. Petersen to the Gospel Ministry upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry. Mr. Petersen was ordained at Shallow Ford on May 29, 1952, with the following serving on the ordaining presbytery: W. P. Smith, J. G. Truitt, H. E. Robinson, W. W. Snyder, B. A. Leebrick.

On August 7, 1952, we voted the following:

1. Rev. W. E. Wisseman was elected to the Executive Board of the Southern Convention as a Conference Representative to fill vacancy of Rev. H. E. Robinson left by his being elected secretary of the Southern Convention.

2. I, William J. Andes, Secretary of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina-Virginia Christian Conference, a North Carolina corporation, do hereby certify that the following are exact copies of two Resolutions unanimously passed by the Executive Committee of said corporation at a meeting held at Durham, North Carolina, on the 7th day of August, 1952; and I do further certify that under the By-Laws of said corporation, the Executive Committee of said Corporation is empowered to transact any necessary business of the corporation between annual sessions of the Conference.

   "BE IT RESOLVED, That for good and sufficient reasons appearing to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina-Virginia Christian Conference, the president and the secretary of the said Conference are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver a deed for the property owned by the Conference at the northeast corner of Walker Avenue and Eugene Street, in the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, which has for many years been used by the First Congregational Christian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, said deed to be to the Trustees of said church and their successors in office, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other valuable considerations."

   "BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Congregational Christian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, is hereby given permission by the North Carolina-Virginia Christian Conference to borrow the sum of Ninety Thousand ($90,000.00) Dollars from Security Life and Trust Company of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and as collateral for said loan, to execute a deed of trust securing said loan on the new church located on Radiance Drive, the old church located on Walker Avenue, and the parsonage located on Edgeworth Street, all in the City of Greensboro, North Carolina;

   "And the said church is also given permission to execute a second deed of trust in the sum of Twenty Thousand ($20,000.00) Dollars on the new church property on Radiance Drive, to secure a $20,000.00 loan from the Congregational Church Building Society in New York, N. Y.

   "The consent of the Conference for giving security on these loans is made under the provisions of Chapter III, Part II, in the *Manual* of the Southern Convention."

   Witness my hand and seal of said corporation, this 7th day of August, 1952.

   (SEAL)

   WILLIAM J. ANDES, *Secretary,*
   Executive Committee of the North Carolina-Virginia Christian Conference, and Secretary of the North Carolina Christian Conference.

3. Algie Blalock was elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Church Building Campaign in the Southern Convention.

4. W. W. Snyder, H. E. Robinson, J. R. Walker, and Mrs. Russell Powell were elected to the Committee on the Sustaining Fund for our Conference.

5. W. J. Andes, W. T. Scott, and Fred Allred were appointed as a committee to investigate the deed and property of the New Hope Church, which church has now ceased to function. (The investigation is under way though no recommendations are ready for this session of conference.)

On September 8, 1952, we approved the request of the Conference Missionary Association for $300.00 for their work within the bounds of the conference. We as your Executive Committee approved the new Apportionments for our churches subject to the approval of this Conference in session.

October 13, 1952, we approved, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, the transfer of Rev. W. P. Smith, as an ordained minister to the Eastern Virginia Conference.

On October 18, 1952, the following resolution was approed:

> That the First Congregational Christian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, is hereby given permission by the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference to sell the property formerly used by the said church, located on Walker Avenue and Eugene Street, the said sale to be made to the Assembly of God, or its nominee, for the price of Twenty Thousand ($20,000.00) Dollars; the receipts from the said sale to be applied by the First Congregational Christian Church of Greensboro on various debts owed by the said church in connection with its new church on Radiance Drive in Greensboro, North Carolina.
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> The consent of the Conference for making said sale is made under the provision of Chapter III, Part II, in the Manual of the Southern Convention.

W. W. SNYDER,
MARK W. ANDES,
W. J. ANDES,
S. C. HARRELL,
Eexecutive Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

The following new pastors and visitors were introduced by W. T. Scott to the Conference and accorded the privileges of the floor: Ray Gibbons, Wm. K. Newman, J. G. Truitt, Jr., Baxter Twiddy, R. C. Mason, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wolfe, F. P. Register, W. T. Madren, W. E. Rousa, L. E. Smith, G. I. McGee, Morton Kurtz, L. M. Presnell, R. L. Jackson.

W. T. Madren brought greetings from the Western North Carolina Conference and from its retiring president, F. C. Lester.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was presented as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

NOVEMBER 10, 1951 – NOVEMBER 7, 1952.

Balance in Treasury from Last Report ..... $ 459.78

RECEIPTS.

Apportionment	*Church*	*Total Paid*
$ 84.00	Apples Chapel	$ 84.00
21.00	Asheville	21.00
27.00	Belew Creek	41.00
29.00	Berea	43.00
30.00	Bethel	38.00
68.00	Bethlehem	89.00
7.00	Burlington, Beverly Hills	7.00
197.00	Burlington, First	142.00
23.00	Carolina	23.00
31.00	Concord	15.00
163.00	Danville	18.40
131.00	Durham	61.00
17.00	Elk Spur	17.00
97.00	Elon Community	97.00
54.00	Gibsonville	92.00
24.00	Graham, Providence Memorial	24.00

37.00	Greensboro, Calvary	37.00	
118.00	Greensboro, First	118.00	
40.00	Greensboro, Palm Street	40.00	
63.00	Happy Home	64.00	
38.00	Haw River	38.00	
25.00	Hebron	39.00	
24.00	Hines Chapel	50.00	
26.00	Hopedale	26.00	
8.00	Howard's Chapel	..	
53.00	Ingram	53.00	
23.00	Kallam Grove	23.00	
32.00	Lebanon	64.00	
42.00	Liberty	42.00	
32.00	Long's Chapel	16.00	
11.00	Mebane	9.00	
27.00	Monticello	67.00	
18.00	Mt. Bethel	18.00	
37.00	Mt. Zion	37.00	
50.00	New Lebanon	72.00	
16.00	Pfafftown	32.00	
51.00	Pleasant Grove	51.00	
23.00	Pleasant Ridge	23.00	
118.00	Reidsville	118.00	
16.00	Rocky Ford	24.00	
28.00	Salem Chapel	16.00	
51.00	Shallow Ford	60.00	
52.00	Tryon Congregational Church	52.00	
80.00	Union, N. C.	160.00	
79.00	Union, Va.	79.00	
35.00	Winston, United	35.00	
7.00	Zion	7.00	
$2,273.00			2,282.40
			$2,742.18

DISBURSEMENTS.

12-5-51	W. J. Andes—Services and Expenses	$ 75.00	
	N. C. Council of Churches—Support	300.00	
	Va. Council of Churches—Support	75.00	
	Dr. Albert D. Stauffacher	25.00	
	Rev. M. W. Stevens	15.00	
	Miss Mary Wisseman, Treasurer, Pilgrim Fellowship	50.00	
	Sun Printing Co.	9.45	
1-20-52	Southern Convention—part payment on Pastors' Insurance	618.00	
2-8-52	Southern Convention—part payment on Pastors' Insurance	98.88	
4-28-52	W. J. Andes—Postage	3.00	
5-23-52	Southern Convention Board of Publications—Annuals	196.10	
6-2-52	Southern Convention—part payment on Pastors' Insurance	59.12	
6-12-52	Alamance Book Co.—Bibles	17.00	
11-7-52	Mrs. W. E. Briggs, Treasurer, C.M.A.	300.00	
	Total Bank Charges for year	.60	
			2,302.15
	Balance		$ 440.03

R. V. POWELL, *Treasurer.*

The report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The president appointed the following committees:

Finance—M. T. Garren, Mrs. J. C. Wilkins, G. J. Rice, Mrs. Kate Selden.

Place—J. R. Lackey, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. P. R. Hall.

Ordaining Presbytery—M. W. Andes, R. M. Peterson, H. P. Bozarth, D. J. Bowden, B. A. Leebrick, J. R. Lackey.

H. E. Robinson led a panel discussion on the "Problems of the Local Church." W. T. Scott spoke on "Ministerial Leadership," H. P. Bozarth on "The Inactive Church Members," J. S. Graves on "Christian Education," and W. E. Wisseman on "Church Finances."

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY.

We, your Committee on the Ministry, offer the following recommendations relative to ministerial personnel of the Conference:

Licentiate G. Julius Rice is pastor of Hines Chapel and Monticello Churches. He has recently graduated from Elon College, and is making application for ordination. The churches which he is serving as pastor have reported favorably on the work that he is doing and request that he be ordained. After a careful examination, it is recommended that Brother Rice be given Conference Ordination at this session of Conference.

It is recommended that the request of Brother John T. Bowers that his standing be transferred to the Western North Carolina Congregational Christian Conference be granted.

Licentiate A. Warren Matthews is now taking his first year of seminary work. He requests that his license be continued. It is recommended that Brother Matthews be continued as a licentiate.

Rev. John R. Lackey continues as pastor of Apple's Chapel and is studying at the Duke Divinity School. It is recommended that his Conference Ordination be continued for another year.

Rev. William Rich has requested that his ministerial standing be transferred to the Eastern North Carolina Conference. It is recommended that the Conference approve his transfer.

Rev. William P. Smith has accepted a pastorate in the Eastern Virginia Conference, and requests that he be granted a letter of transfer to that Conference. It is recommended that he be granted a transfer of his ministerial standing.

Rev. Percy Ricketts has reported to this committee that he has applied for membership and has been received into the Evangelical Methodist Church. It is recommended that his name be dropped from the ministerial roll of this Conference.

Brother Herman Lee Johnson, a member of the Biblical Class and a member of the Junior Class at Elon College, has been serving as pastor of Zion Church, Alamance County. He is the new pastor of Berea. He appeared before this committee and requested licensure. After due examination, it is recommended that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

Licentiate Rosser Lee Clapp has requested that his standing be transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference. It is recommended that Conference approve his transfer.

Rev. James R. Hailey has reported that he has been received into the fellowship of the Methodist Church as a minister. It is recommended that he be dropped from the ministerial roll of this Conference.

Brother Staley M. Sorrell, a member of the Biblical Class of this Conference, reports that he has been licensed by the Gospel Fellowship Association of the Bob Jones University. It is recommended that his name be dropped from the Biblical Class.

Licentiate John Graves completed his work at the Hartford Seminary Foundation and made application for ordination. This committee recommended to the Executive Committee that he be ordained. This was done as reported by the Executive Committee.

Brother William P. Tolly, a member of the Biblical Class, and a first year student at Hartford Ceminary, requests that he be licensed. It is recommended that Conference approve the licensing of Brother Tolly.

Rev. J. Lester Stanley is pastor of our Gibsonville Church, and is doing acceptable work. It is recommended that his Conference Ordination be continued for another year.

Rev. Edgar J. Clawson, pastor of Long's Chapel, has made a satisfactory report of this work. It is recommended that his Conference Ordination be continued for another year.

It is recommended that Rev. Timothy Chang be continued as a licentiate.

It is recommended that Rev. I. T. Underwood be continued as a licentiate.

Rev. William T. Scott, Jr., is in his senior year at Yale Divinity School. It is recommended that he be continued as a licentiate.

Brother Sammy Nelson, a Junior at Elon College and a member of the Biblical Class, requests licensure. It is recommended that he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class for another year.

Brother Fred H. Wrenn, who is a first year student at Elon College, requests admission to the Biblical Class. It is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

Brother Curtis Young, a member of the freshman class at Elon College, requests membership in the Biblical Class. The Durham Congregational Christian Church, of which he is a member, recommended him as a suitable candidate for the ministry. It is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

Brother Randall C. Mason, Jr., is a candidate for the ministry in care of the New Jersey Association C. C. C., and is a member of of the Junior Class of Trinity College of Duke University. He has been called to be pastor of the Mebane Church. It is recommended that this relationship be approved.

Rev. Richard M. Petersen, who is serving as pastor of the Shallow Ford Church of this Conference, came before your committee for examination. Some years ago he was licensed by the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. He was duly examined as to his Christian convictions, his academic training, and his experience in church work. It was voted to recommend to the Executive Committee of Conference that he be ordained. This recommendation was approved, and he was ordained as set forth in the report of the Executive Committee.

At the last session of Conference it was voted that Brother John Perry Littiken be enrolled as a member of the Conference Biblical Class. At his request it is recommended that his standing be transferred to the Eastern North Carolina Conference.

Rev. Weldon T. Madren has accepted a pastorate in this Conference, and has been granted a letter of transfer from the Western N. C. Conference. Upon receipt of the letter of transfer it is recommended that he be enrolled as a minister of this Conference.

Rev. Thomas D. Sutton has been granted a letter of transfer by the Western N. C. Conference, of his ministerial standing, to this Conference. Pending the receipt of this letter it is recommended that he enrolled as a minister of this Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Wolfe have accepted the pastorate of the Carroll County, Virginia, work. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe are regularly ordained ministers. They have expressed the wish to become members of this Conference. Upon receipt of their credentials it is recommended that they be enrolled as ministerial members of this Conference.

STANLEY C. HARRELL,
D. J. BOWDEN,
FERRIS E. REYNOLDS,
W. E. WISSEMAN,
KENNETH D. REGISTER,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was adopted.

F. E. Reynolds addressed the Conference on the subject, "God's Watchmen."

J. R. Lackey and B. A. Leebrick presented G. J. Rice for Conference Ordination. M. W. Andes presided during the ordaining service, D. J. Bowden gave the charge, R. M. Petersen led the prayer and H. P. Bozarth presented the Bible to the candidate.

Conference adjourned for lunch. W. J. Andes pronounced the benediction.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 1:30 P. M.

G. J. Rice led the hymn and prayer.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP.

Your Committee could make suggestions about stewardship, everyone of which has been made in the past. Giving and tithing and money are old and familiar words, and many people have long since tired of them.

We feel that more emphasis should be placed on the consecration of talents than on the offering of tithes. If we did this our money problems would in quick and natural order take care of themselves.

We would urge the informing of our people of the educational and mission programs of Christianity. Our own denomination has the program of "Our Christian World Mission", and this we feel concerns all of us. To accomplish this program it will take the deepest of consecration of our talents, yea, even of our life.

Where a man's heart is there will he pour his gold.

T. G. HUMPHRIES,
W. W. SLOAN,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND APPORTIONMENT.

It is the hope of your committee that all churches make an earnest effort to pay all apportionments in full for the year just ending.

Elon College is in the midst of a campaign to reach a goal of two and a half million dollars for buildings and endowments. This campaign was authorized by the Board of Trustees of the College and by the Southern Convention. We, your committee, recommend that this conference give all-out support to this campaign in prayer, work, and gifts.

The General Council, meeting at Claremont, Calif., in June, 1952, voted to raise four and a half million dollars to be added to the Church Building Society Loan Fund. The Executive Board of the Convention voted to accept $135,000.00 as the Convention's share of the above amount; the $135,000.00 to include $25,000.00 for each year of the biennium, voted by the Convention and designated as an authorized special for the Mission Board. The Finance Committee of the Convention was authorized to allocate the $135,000.00 to the various conferences of the Convention. The North Carolina and Virginia Conference is requested to set as its goal $50,552.00. We recommend that the quota be accepted and allocated to the churches within the conference; and authorize the Conference Campaign Committee, in cooperation with the Convention and National Campaign Committees, to complete the campaign within the conference; that the campaign begin March 1, 1953 and the solicitation be completed by January 1, 1954, it being understood that payments on quotas may be completed by March 1, 1956, that all funds paid in for this campaign be channelled through the Convention Treasury.

We recommend the following schedule of apportionments for the churches of our

conference; that churches accept the amounts allocated to them and adopt the practice of paying on apportionments by monthly or quarterly installments.

W. E. WISSEMAN,
H. E. ROBINSON,
Committee.

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1952-53.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Fund	Convention Home Missions and Church Extension Fund	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun	National Board of Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	1952-53 Total
Apple's Chapel	$ 251	$ 121	$ 44	$ 135	$ 136	$ 10	$ 23	$ 106	$ 100	$ 44	$ 84	$ 1,058
Asheville	44	26	8	27	25	10	4	23	37	10	21	235
Belew Creek	127	50	18	46	29	8	12	44	31	12	27	404
Berea	127	45	19	46	29	8	7	39	31	13	29	393
Bethel	73	42	14	73	71	4	7	37	43	18	30	412
Bethlehem	238	121	41	141	127	12	21	106	100	35	68	1,010
Burlington: Beverly Hills	31	12	5	15	15	3	4	10	11	4	7	117
First	763	371	156	607	2,735	48	77	326	957	83	197	6,320
Lakeview	17	14	7	11	12	4	4	12	5	3	8	97
Carolina	111	32	14	27	18	7	6	28	14	8	23	288
Concord	111	49	22	55	43	8	7	43	36	12	31	417
Danville	161	282	27	61	59	11	39	248	287	83	163	1,421
Durham	725	479	125	534	369	38	79	421	454	45	131	3,400
Elk Spur	52	16	7	11	12	4	2	14	7	3	17	145
Elon College	566	326	97	427	246	27	49	287	311	45	97	2,478
Gibsonville	146	63	20	61	44	9	14	55	43	22	54	531
Graham-Prov. Memorial	53	27	14	23	10	6	4	24	12	8	24	205
Greensboro: Calvary	136	58	20	65	55	10	10	51	57	12	37	511
First	692	395	95	534	312	30	53	347	390	47	118	3,013
Palm Street	129	86	27	115	119	8	13	76	86	27	40	726
Happy Home	198	102	41	109	104	12	20	90	81	29	63	849
Haw River	161	91	27	107	92	12	14	80	72	17	38	711
Hebron	75	46	14	49	32	8	7	41	31	12	25	340
Hines' Chapel	107	65	20	61	59	9	14	57	60	13	34	499
Hopedale	75	34	14	32	20	7	6	30	19	10	26	273
Howard's Chapel	17	14	7	11	12	4	4	12	5	3	8	97
Ingram	215	120	40	140	135	15	18	105	103	19	53	972
Kallam Grove	58	34	14	30	18	7	6	30	19	9	23	248
Lebanon	111	49	16	55	42	8	7	43	34	14	32	411
Liberty	111	49	19	55	38	8	7	43	34	21	42	427
Long's Chapel	127	64	20	70	56	9	10	56	48	17	32	509
Mebane	21	12	14	21	12	5	4	10	5	3	11	118
Monticello	92	35	15	30	24	7	6	31	19	9	27	295
Mt. Bethel	81	52	16	67	71	5	8	46	53	6	18	423
Mt. Zion	141	56	22	63	50	8	8	50	43	17	37	498
New Lebanon	144	84	27	97	86	12	13	74	67	19	50	673
Pfafftown	59	24	14	18	12	6	4	21	9	3	16	186
Pleasant Grove	161	78	29	79	71	10	16	69	57	27	51	648
Pleasant Ridge	73	34	16	35	24	7	4	30	19	5	23	270
Reidsville	307	164	34	194	187	19	28	144	139	57	118	1,391
Rocky Ford	52	16	7	11	12	4	2	14	7	3	16	144
Salem Chapel	111	34	14	36	24	6	4	30	21	13	28	321
Shallow Ford	186	73	22	80	74	10	12	64	57	21	51	650
Tryon	186	94	35	107	95	12	14	82	79	21	52	777
Union (N. C.)	205	84	35	97	82	80	13	74	64	34	80	788
Union (Va.)	186	99	35	115	14	12	18	87	82	45	79	772
Winston-Salem	98	64	14	43	28	12	7	56	28	13	35	398
Zion	21	8	2	5	5	3	2	7	7	3	7	70
Totals	$7,935	$4,294	$1,363	$4,840	$5,945	$ 526	$ 711	$3,773	$4,274	$ 997	$2,281	$ 36,939

Pending the adoption of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments, S. C. Harrell spoke on "Church Finance, Asset or Liability to the Average Church Member."

The report of the Committee on Budget and Apportionments was adopted.

The needs of Elon College were presented by President L. E. Smith. D. J. Bowden presented the Sustaining Fund and G. D. Colclough presented the Two and a Half Million Dollar Campaign.

The North Carolina Council of Churches was presented by M. R. Kurtz.

Conference adjourned for a meeting of the Conference Missionary Association.

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The Conference reconvened.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Because of limited funds your Committee on Home Missions has not been able to do many of the things it wanted to do. However, we are happy to report that the home mission projects within our Conference are making rapid progress and are showing great promise at the present time.

1. Beverly Hills—Burlington: Under Rev. W. W. Snyder's leadership is really going places. They have shown a large increase in membership and have a good crowd of interested people for all their regular services. The church is well organized now and has a real promising future.

2. Lakeview—near Burlington: Under the leadership of Rev. John Truitt, Jr., has been organized with a strong unit of charter members. A Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Society, and a youth group have been organized with the work as a whole going nicely. This group has been holding its services in the Glencoe School, and they are now thinking of building an educational unit of their own.

3. Zion—near Burlington: Rev. Bland Leebrick is now pastor of this work. Rev. G. C. Crutchfield and Rev. Herman Johnson have been working with these people for the past year or so, and the work has been coming along fine. This church may not develop into a large church, but it can do a real service for its community. They already have the first unit of their building far enough along to be using it.

New Prospective Fields—A few weeks ago Conference officials met at South Boston, Virginia, with a group of about 250 interested people from Virgilina, Ingram, Pleasant Grove, Liberty, Lebanon, and Hebron Churches. The prospects for a new church in South Boston are good. Maybe these churches in Halifax County would like to sponsor this new work. You will probably be hearing more about this possibility in the near future.

We have been told that there are a large number of people in Danville who might be interested in another church there. We plan to look into this situation as soon as we can.

We urge that the Conference as a whole really get behind these new projects and give them our loyal support.

KENNETH D. REGISTER,
MRS. R. W. ISELEY,
MRS. JOHN BRIGGS,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Home Missions, Wm. K. Newman spoke on "The Church Building Society and Its Present

Needs," with M. T. Garren adding a few words of encouragement to the campaign for the Four and a Half Million Dollar Loan Fund.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

The committee of "Evangelism and Devotional Life" of the Southern Convention and the chairman of each conference committee of Evangelism met at the Henderson Church, September 23, 1952. The meeting began at 2:00 P. M. and ended at 10:00 P. M. We prayerfully faced our problems of today and our failures of yesterday. We sought the wisdom of God in what we believed should be the primary purpose of every church in the convention. We, in faith, asked God to enlighten us, that we may inspire our ministers and church members to a working and a successful program of Evangelism.

At this meeting many good suggestions were offered. We studied past reports adopted by our conferences. These reports were good! The trouble is not with them. We agreed that our ministers and our churches had not taken them seriously. We agreed, further, if we are to "Evangelize" the world to Christ, there must be a complete acceptance of the commission given to us by the Saviour himself. We must in his name and spirit tell the good news about God.

Your conference committee of Evangelism, in cooperation with the Convention committee, recommends the following:

1. That our ministers continue preaching Evangelism from the pulpit.
2. That every church have a well-planned Visitation program.
3. That we re-evangelize those already in the church.
4. That we have an effective program of Evangelism in every local church.
5. That we encourage regular church attendance.
6. That every minister preach at least once a year on the "Principles and Government" of our Church.
7. That we have a special "Evangelism Period" throughout the Convention. The date being February 25, 1953 through Easter Sunday.
8. That every church have some special Evangelistic emphasis during this period.
9. That we accept the plans and program set up by the Convention committee of "Evangelism and Devotional Life."

M. V. WELCH, *Chairman,*
T. F. BOWERS,
M. T. SORRELL,
EGBERT TRUITT,
TRUBY VINCENT,
C. O. KOON,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted.

M. V. Welch presented Herman Lee Johnson for licensure. W. W. Snyder, president of Conference, licensed the candidate to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, present the following to serve in the offices of the Conference for the year 1952-53:

President—W. W. Snyder.
Vice-President—Mark Andes.
Secretary—W. J. Andes.
Assistant Secretary—Mack Welch.
Treasurer—Russell V. Powell.
Historian—S. C. Harrell.

Home Mission Board—K. D. Register, M. T. Sorrell, Mrs. R. W. Iseley, E. J. Clawson, Mrs. John Briggs, Mrs. M. T. Garren.

Representatives to North Carolina Council of Churches—Ministerial: M. V. Welch, K. D. Register; *Lay*: A. H. Hinshaw, D. L. Boone, Sr.

Alternates—Ministerial: W. E. Wisseman, T. G. Humphries; *Lay*: Herman Truitt, W. J. Fonville.

Representatives to Virginia Council of Churches—Mrs. G. I. Satterfield, Joe K. Landrum.

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH,
FRED ALLRED,
Committee.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Nominations be adopted and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the nominees. The secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the president declared the officers elected.

It was moved and carried that the Conference Nominating Committee nominate three people to the Home Mission Board and that we ask the Conference Missionary Association to elect three people to the Home Mission Board, that the chairman of the Home Mission Board and the president of the Conference Missionary Association be the same person.

Conference adjourned until the night session with L. E. Smith pronouncing the benediction.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Conference called to order for the evening session at 7:30 P. M.

Wm. K. Newman showed a film on "The Church Building Society."

G. C. Crutchfield and the choir of the Bethlehem church led the worship service. W. T. Scott introduced Ray Gibbons, Director of the Council for Social Action, who spoke on "Strong Encouragement."

The benediction was pronounced by G. C. Crutchfield.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Conference called to order at 9:30 A. M.

Herman Lee Johnson led the hymn and the prayer.

Minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

There was no report from the Historian, S. C. Harrell.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1. *Young People.* Curtis Young of Durham was re-elected President of Pilgrim Fellowship at the October, 1952, Rally in Durham; Lois Scott, Vice-President; Wilma Ann Saunders, Secretary; and Patricia Gordon, Treasurer. A special project this year was the purchase of $100.00 worth of hymnals for Jose Dabuet, the Philippine student, who returned home during the year to take charge of a church. The Spring Rally for the North Carolina youth at Elon included a proportionate representation of our young people in the six hundred present.

2. *The North Carolina and Virginia Conference Sunday School Convention* met June 26th at Belew Creek, some 200 attending. Martin Garren was elected president.

The Sunday School Superintendents held an excellent training session at the Monticello Church, March 7th, when the film "The Superintendent Wants to Know" was presented, and talks were made on "Adiministration" and "Literature."

3. *Leadership Training Schools* were held this year by the Greensboro Church in January, and the Burlington, First Church, in February for leaders of surrounding areas.

4. *Summer Conferences* for junior and junior high youngsters were again held at Crabtree in June with capacity attendance, our churches having their full quota in attendance. The Pilgrim Fellowship Conference at Elon College the last of June was well attended and ably conducted by Rev. Henry E. Robinson of Burlington.

5. *The Elon College* campaign to complete the Building Fund Program begun five years ago is now under way, with hopes it may be completed in March, 1953. This is our opportunity to place the college on a level with the best of our church-related colleges in equipment, and we solicit the support of every friend and alumnus of the school in our Conference. The Sustaining Fund which goes for the support of the current expenses of the school is vitally needed also and increasing numbers of our churches are placing this item in their regular church budgets. We urge all to do so.

HOWARD P. BOZARTH,
BOYD TICKELL,
MRS. JOHN LONG,
J. H. ROUNTREE,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Committee on Christian Education, Pattie Lee Coghill gave previews of the activities concerning Christian Education that would be held during the year, 1952-1953.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Pilgrim Fellowship was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP.

The main project of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference Young People during the past year was to raise money for the bringing of Jose Dabuet, a student from the Philippines, to the United States to study. This money, which amounted to $375.00, was paid into the treasury of the Southern Convention Young People since the project was convention-wide.

When Jose was ready to leave the United States, the idea to give him a going-away present was originated in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. Jose said he was going to need hymnals for his church, so money was asked for and we received about $105.00 for this project.

A Work Day for Christ was held in the fall. This was a project in which the young people worked and gave whatever they made to be applied on their apportionment.

At Thanksgiving and Christmas many groups adopted families.

Twenty-Five Dollars was taken from the treasury to be applied on traveling expenses for Curtis Young when he attended the National Pilgrim Fellowship Council held in Pomona, California, during the middle of last summer.

There have been three conference rallies. One was a week-end fellowship conference held at New Hope Camp, located about six miles from Chapel Hill.

The young people of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference led in attendance at the state-wide rally held in the spring at Elon. There were 304 persons attending representing nearly all the churches in the conference.

Before each rally, the officers met, planned the program for the rally, and discussed the overall program of the conference. There also was a president's rally for the purpose of working out the Pilgrim Fellowship program in the local group.

The individual groups have chosen other projects and carried them out.

Next year the main money raising project will be to collect funds for the building of a cabin on the Southern Convention camp site, Moonelon.

Our hope is that we may increase our fellowship by helping to start Pilgrim Fellowship groups in the churches where there is no such group in existence. This is our special project for the coming year.

CURTIS YOUNG, *Chairman.*

The report was received to record.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was presented by Mrs. W. T. Scott, the new president of the North Carolina Woman's Conference, in the absence of the past president, Mrs. W. J. Andes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It is always a joy to report the results of "work well done" and we could hope that our immediate past president, Mrs. W. J. Andes, were present today to revel in the joys of the accomplishments of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference during the past year. We have declared it a good year and we wish to express appreciation to this "good and faithful servant."

A bit of general information might prove helpful. We have 82 societies in our 108 churches, netting a membership of almost 2,000 women. The Conference is divided into seven Districts and fourteen Departments. The officers of the Conference, together with the presidents and superintendents of the districts and departments, respectively, comprise the Executive Board of the Conference.

We are pleased with last year's financial record, which shows a gain of about $450.00 over the previous year.

There have been five new societies organized during the year, namely, Lebanon, Pfafftown, Beverly Hills, Moore's Union, and Lakeview.

Looking toward our new year's work we are not incline to be satisfied with what has been accomplished but rather to pray for guidance as we plan for greater things in the future. "To cultivate the spirit of Christ in every area of human life" is our purpose.

The new Executive Board met in Raleigh at the United Church on October 23, 1952 and gave a full day's work in mapping out the plans and duties of each department, and in setting some goals for the new year.

Some of the Districts have already met and set up their plans. Others are meeting soon. The District Presidents have called a meeting for December 3, 1952. At this time we shall make plans for our Spring Rallies. This is enough to tell you that we have started our new year's work.

One thing should be emphasized and that is that we give generously to our Thank Offering. Because of the great needs in our Carroll County mission, we have dared to set our Convention Thank Offering goal at $5,000, which is much higher than last year's goal. This amount of money will enable the people at Rocky Ford "to go ahead" and build their new church. It is quite evident that in order to meet the Convention goal, there must be an increase in the giving to the Conference Thank Offering. We have faith that it can and will be done!

Our Mission study for the year 1952-53 is centered around two topics, *Africa* and *Human Rights.*

The theme is "Building with Love and Gratitude."

MRS. WILLIAM T. SCOTT, *President.*

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was received to record.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

With every passing year the need for concern in the matter of religious training in the home increases. Radio and television have the opportunity to invade every sanctum of childhood. They are there to speak their message. The church should be

much concerned about what that message shall be. Our churches must learn to plant seed of goodwill and righteousness in the home every day—as nearly as possible every hour of the day, for in devious ways the spirit of neglect of godliness will find its way into the innermost place of the living of children, youth, and maturity. We may not call radio and television literature, but they have the right to, and do invade the innermost sanctum of our homes. From nursery room to the top of our national department of Social Action we should be fully cognizant of their potentialities.

Good books with beautiful print and pictures are available for little folks, and growing children. They should "belong" to childhood and girlhood and boyhood in an increasing way. Parents should avail themselves of such good books and teach their children to possess them and read them early. The printed page has not lost its power. Our church schools may do well to take seriously the literature which attracts their pupils during the week, make a study of it, and have regular recommendations to parents as to available books and magazines suitable for childhood and youth.

Already in many reports standard recommendations of the religious literature of the Church, and of our Convention and denomination, have been made.

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was adopted.

The work of the Christian Orphanage at Elon College, N. C., was presented by the Superintendent, J. G. Truitt.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION.

The relief work among our retired ministers, ministers' widows and dependents is supported by the Board of Superannuation through our national Board of Home Missions, New York. Money contributed for Superannuation through the Apportionment is paid by the churches direct to the Convention Office. The Convention remits all funds received to our New York office, and regular checks are mailed to our pensioners. We regret to say that our contributions to the Division of Ministerial Relief of our Board of Home Missions from the Convention are considerably below the amounts which they in turn pay to our pensioners.

We urge our churches to pay in full the Apportionment for Superannuation and exceed it if possible. We ask each church to see that their pastor is a member of the Annuity Fund of the denomination. We urge every church to receive a special Christmas offering for our aged ministers, the Veterans of the Cross. This offering constitutes a fund from which extra checks are sent to our retired ministers; also in cases of hardship or sickness.

At the 1952 session of the Southern Convention it was voted that the work of the Board of Superannuation should be done through our Mission Board of the Convention. In future Apportionment, therefore, there is an item "National Home Missions and Ministerial Relief." This item replaces the item designated "Superannuation." In the Conference Year 1952-53 we urge our people to pay in full this item for our national Home Missions, that our aged ministers may be adequately supported.

J. ROBERT WALKER,
D. R. FONVILLE,
Z. H. LYNCH,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Superannuation was adopted.

H. E. Robinson continued the discussion on "Local Church Problems."

The Christian Rural Overseas Program was presented by the state director, C. R. Key.

Ray Gibbons spoke on "Good Stewards."

Superintendent W. T. Scott presented the following bequest from the will of Miss M. Joanna Jones of Graham, N. C.

BEQUEST TO THE NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

"I give and devise my home place and garden lot to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Congregational Christian Church upon the express trust and for the uses and purposes solely as follows, namely, that my home place and garden lot be used by said Conference as a home for retired ministers of said denomination and their wives, perpetually."

(This will was executed April 21, 1952 and Attorney Clarence Ross, of Long and Ross, Graham, North Carolina, is the Executor of the estate of Miss M. Joanna Jones.)

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee of the Conference act for the Conference in reaching a decision on the disposition of the bequest.

It was moved and carried that the Conference through its Executive Committee offer its good offices to Randall C. Mason, Jr., and the Mebane Church for any counsel or advice needed during the pastorate of Mr. Mason.

The progress of the Pastor's Insurance was reported by W. T. Scott to be improving and growing.

The Conference adjourned for lunch. J. S. Graves pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference reconvened at 1:15 P. M.

B. A. Leebrick led the hymn and prayer.

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Fellowship was presented as follows:

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.

One meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference Laymen was held during the past year. The Greensboro (First) Church was host for the occasion. Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter of Hartford, Conn., inspired and delighted nearly two hundred of our conference men in an address at a dinner meeting.

Laymen's Sunday was observed by most of our churches on October 19th. Some churches held this service on another date due to a conflict of previously planned programs. These services, planned and given by the men, were highly successful and an inspiration to all.

Our men throughout the Conference are beginning to accept their responsibilities as never before. Instead of just a few men in each church who can be depended upon for lay work, we have an ever increasing number who are willing and wanting to do that which needs doing and really making their work felt by the churches—this is our main goal! May we continue to grow in numbers and spirit!

Moonelon, our major objective for all laymen, is beginning to gain headway. Reports are that a good many of our church groups have sent in their allotted donations for this initial work and others have sent in part of their allotment. We are eager to get enough money in to develop Moonelon to the extent that we may begin to use it. Later we can enlarge our efforts.

I urge every men's group in the Conference to make a special effort to push this work on to a successful completion. Our young people need Moonelon! Our church as a whole needs it!

I call attention again to the sixteen objectives recommended by our National Council to all Laymen's Fellowship groups:

1. A working organization of men in every local church.
2. A father and son banquet in each local church or district.
3. Annual fellowship visitation on some Sunday or during some week in each local church.
4. Observation of Laymen's Sunday in every church with laymen participating in a special service.
5. Churchmanship Institute for deacons and church officers.
6. Better business organization and administration in the work of the local church.
7. Promote subscriptions to *The Christian Sun.*
8. Maintain private and family devotions, Bible readings and prayers.
9. Regular attendance at church, Sunday school, conference and convention meetings, and encourage others to do so.
10. Encourage and promote better financial support of the local church, conference, and convention enterprises.
11. Encourage adequate salaries for pastors.
12. Improvement of church property.
13. Sponsor one or more social fellowship meetings in the local church during the year.
14. Support the convention goal for evangelism—one new member per month per 100 members in every local church.
15. Support the convention goal for church extension—one new church in each conference per year.
16. Encourage and practice Christian principles in earning and using money.

MOTTO: *Every layman working in his place in his church!*

S. L. MAULDIN, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Laymen's Fellowship was received to record.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

DR. CHARLES E. NEWMAN.

Charles Everette Newman was born May 30, 1874 on his father's farm in Isle of Wight County, Virginia and died at his home in Virgilina, October 9, 1952. He attended the public schools of his native county until the age of 14, when he had to leave to work on his father's farm. He joined Oakland Christian Church at the age of 14 and his name remains on the roster of that church to this day.

In 1893 he entered the preparatory department of Elon College, where he remained until his graduation in 1899. After graduation he taught private school in Berkley (now South Norfolk, Va.).

He was licensed to preach in 1901 by the Eastern Virginia Conference and one year later was ordained to the full ministry by this conference. In 1903 to 1904 he attended the Seminary at Princeton University.

On June 23, 1904, he married Miss Mable Brittle of Southampton County, Virginia. To this union were born two daughters and four sons, all of whom are now living.

He served various churches in the Eastern Virginia, Eastern North Carolina and the North Carolina and Virginia Conferences. In 1916 he moved to his present home at Virgilina. His pastorate consisted of Union (Virgilina), Hebron, Liberty in Virginia, and Lebanon in North Carolina, where he remained until his retirement in 1946. Under his pastorate the Liberty Church was organized and built. The present brick

church building at Virgilina was constructed during his pastorate, and the remodeling project at Lebanon was instituted.

In 1944 recognizing his deep consecration and scholastic attainments Elon College conferred upon him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity, a well deserved honor.

Among his outstanding characteristics were his innate love of people, his inflexible faithfulness to duty, and his unfeigned piety to God. On these virtues he patterned his life.

MRS. G. C. CRUTCHFIELD.

Mrs. G. C. Crutchfield passed away on August 1, 1952. She was the wife of Rev. G. C. Crutchfield, one of the leading pastors of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. Mrs. Crutchfield was a wonderful helpmeet in both her home and in her husband's ministry. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, and a Christian lady of the first order. She discovered the secret of abundant living—that of giving herself in service to others.

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We recommend that the conference stand for a few moments in silence to the memory of these consecrated Christian lives, after which the president will call on someone to lead in a word of prayer.

W. L. TAYLOR.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted. S. C. Harrell led the prayer while Conference stood in memory of departed friends.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION.

The Council for Social Action was born in June, 1934, when our Congregational Christian Churches, convened in General Council at Oberlin, Ohio, "stirred by the deep need of humanity for justice, security and spiritual freedom and growth, aware of the urgent demand within our churches for action to match our gospel, and clearly persuaded that the gospel of Jesus can be the solvent of social as of all other problems."

The problems that we face today are multitudinous and complex. From every side we hear cries of need and injustice to humanity. There are conflicts between societies and within societies which are detrimental to all.

We as Christians should obey Christ not only in our spiritual relationship, but in our whole life.

Your Committee on Social Action recommends that all Christians unite to promote freedom and peace, both national and international; to be Christian in our dealings with all humankind regardless of race, color, or creed; to pledge our help to the sick and needy, locally, nationally, and internationally; and seek to enlist followers for Christ through the local church program, home missions, and foreign missions.

We feel that the Christian influence should and can be felt in industry, economics agriculture, education, and government by the individual Christian living the principles that Jesus taught.

Inasmuch as we need action to match our gospel, we recommend that we all might become one as Christ prayed.

JULIUS RICE, *Chairman,*
LYDIA DICKENS,
MRS. M. M. JOYNER,
ORVILLE WHITE,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We should feel a deep sense of obligation to our 335 missionaries laboring in fifteen foreign countries to teach, heal, preach, and through the example of their living to proclaim the glorious gospel of Christ. To them our churches have given a promise of continued support in prayers, gifts, and interest. Do we want their number to grow and their work to increase? Our gifts through the past year indicates that we are travelling at about the same rate of speed without too much concern for the increased needs of the field. Let us remember that our mission dollar will by no means buy what it would ten years ago. If we give the same as we did then, it means that our effectiveness is cut about in half.

Opportunity abounds as it never has before in Africa, and the Philippines. The door in China has been closed, we know not for how long. Our work in India and Mexico faces grave problems which require great patience and tact. The missionaries on the fields, the area secretaries, the Prudential Committee of the American Board, are wrestling with these opportunities and problems, but ultimately the answer lies with the churches and their readiness to give. A basic budget has just been accepted by the American Board of $1,669,919.00. However, a supplementary budget of $50,000.00 was voted for a number of urgent requests from the field which could not be denied. The Board must find this money somewhere. It is an act of faith. Faith in us as members of Christ's Church, as followers of Jesus, that out of our great abundance we will have a little more concern for the world enterprise.

We do not have unlimited time with which to deal with the world's wounds. Other philosophies and ways of life are bidding for men's loyalties. Unless we labor with more diligence and give with a greater sense of sacrifice the doors in Africa, India, Japan, and the Philippines now so broadly open to us, will close as they have closed in China.

The great missionary movement of our churches has too long been delegated to women. Let Christian laymen rise to the challenge and concern themselves with broad strategy for Christ. If this should be, the missionaries would not only take heart, but the local church would feel new life and catch a renewed vision.

HENRY E. ROBINSON, *Chairman,*
BLAND LEEBRICK,
MRS. ED MITCHELL,
JOHN R. LACKEY,
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, the members of your Committee on Finance, have examined the records of the treasurer of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, and find them to be correct and in order. We commend the treasurer for his diligence and his devotion to his responsibility.

We recommend:

1. That the secretary be paid $75.00 for expenses incurred in the transaction of his duties during the past year.
2. That the bills for ANNUALS, report blanks, programs, and necessary supplies be paid on receipt of same by the treasurer.
3. That $200.00 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and $50.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches, and that this item be transferred hereafter to the Committee on Budget and Apportionments for determination by that committee of the amounts this Conference should contribute to the North Carolina Council of Churches and to the Virginia Council of Churches.

4. That the Executive Committee of the Conference be given the power to act on any request from the Conference Missionary Association during the fiscal year 1952-53.
5. That the Conference treasurer be authorized to pay necessary expenses incident to the 1952 meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.
5. That the Conference treasurer be authorized to pay the pastors' insurance for the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.
7. That the fiscal year of the treasurer of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference begin on November 1st and end with the close of October 31st, and that the churches of the Conference be requested to pay their apportionments to the Conference Fund not later than October 31st of each year.
8. That for the purposes of publishing in the ANNUAL the report of the Conference treasurer for the fiscal year, that report be adjusted to show receipts up to adjournment of the annual meeting of the Conference.
9. That the Committee on Finance of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference be appointed in advance of the annual meeting of the Conference, and that the members of the committee be notified of such appointment so that they may be better prepared to discharge their duties at the annual meeting.

M. T. GARREN,
MRS. J. C. WILKINS,
MRS. HAROLD INGLE,
JULIUS RICE,
R. W. ISELEY,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Place was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

After some discussion and thought, especially in light of the growing size of our conference and the facilities thus required for taking care of a conference session, we recommend that hereafter the Executive Committee should be responsible for seeking an invitation as to place for conference meetings.

Two years ago we received an invitation from our church at Tryon. We leave this matter to the Executive Committee.

MRS. P. R. HALL,
MRS. JOHN W. LONG,
J. R. LACKEY,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Place was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

1. RESOLVED: That we express, by a standing vote of thanks, our appreciation to the pastor and people of the Bethlehem Church at Altamahaw, N. C., for the fine way they have entertained us in their beautiful new building.

2. RESOLVED: That we express our appreciation to the officers and leaders of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for the past year for their many hours of faithful service in preparing for these sessions and meeting the demands of their offices during the past year.

3. RESOLVED: That we thank the speakers who have made this program so informative and inspiring, including the people who have taken part from our own conference, and Mr. William Kincaid Newman and Dr. Ray Gibbons from the National Office, Rev. Morton Kurtz from the North Carolina Council of Churches, and Rev. Carl R. Key, North Carolina State Director of Christian Rural Overseas Program.

4. The Committee heard with pleasure the well working results of the Group Insurance for pastors and their families. We commend the plan and urge our churches to pay their Conference Fund promptly so that the Conference may discharge its responsibility.

5. The Committee comends the success of the Insurance Plan.

MRS. HENRY E. ROBINSON,
MRS. J. C. WILKINS,
MR. WALTER B. SIMPSON,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

Superintendent W. T. Scott reported that forty-two out of the forty-eight churches of this Conference had paid their apportionments in full by the meeting of this Conference Session.

It was moved and carried that the Conference have its official minutes printed in THE ANNUAL; and that the Conference purchase two hundred copies of THE ANNUAL for pro-rata distribution among the churches.

By motion, the secretary was authorized to complete the minutes of this session.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

By motion the Conference would stand adjourned, following the Holy Communion Service as conducted by H. E. Robinson and G. C. Crutchfield, to meet Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in November, 1953 at the place designated by the Executive Committee.

Holy Communion was observed by the Conference.

The benediction was observed by the Conference.

The 1952 Conference was adjourned.

W. W. SNYDER, *President.*
W. J. ANDES, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive—Walstein W. Snyder, Mark W. Andes, W. J. Andes, Stanley C. Harrell.

Program—Walstein W. Snyder, Mark W. Andes, W. J. Andes, Stanley C. Harrell.

Evangelism—M. V. Welch, E. W. Kellam, J. R. Lackey, Mack Fulk, J. E. Cumbie.

Ministry—Stanley C. Harrell, W. E. Wisseman, D. J. Bowden, F. E. Reynolds, K. D. Register.

Laymen's Fellowship—S. L. Mauldin, W. C. Perry, Jr., Joe Landrum.

Social Action—H. P. Bozarth, Orville White, Earl Daniely, F. E. Ratzell.

Stewardship and Apportionment—Henry E. Robinson, Herbert Landrum, Tucker G. Humphries, Walter B. Simpson, Carl Chandler.

Memoirs—G. C. Crutchfield, Walter L. Taylor, Miss Lillie D. Fowler.

Christian Education and Literature—J. S. Graves, W. W. Sloan, Algie Blaylock, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, W. R. Wolfe.

Pilgrim Fellowship—Curtis Young, T. D. Sutton, Ruth Dunn.

Nominations—George D. Colclough, Mrs. Harold Ingle, B. A. Leebrick, Fred Allred, Mrs. T. W. Chandler.

Resolutions—Mrs. Henry E. Robinson, Julius Rice, Mrs. J. C. Wilkins, W. T. Madren, Richard Peterson.

Public Relations—J. S. Graves.

Home and Foreign Missions—(Same as Home Mission Board, elected).

MINISTERIAL REPORTS.

Allred, C. E.—Sermons, 83; conversions, 30; members received, 17; batpisms, 15; prayer meetings, 15; addresses, 2; marriages, 4; funerals, 5; salary, $3,180.00.

Andes, M. W.—Sermons, 77; conversions, 25; members received, 40; baptisms, 43; prayer meetings, 6; addresses, 2; marriages, 6; funerals, 17; salary, $2,950.00.

Andes, W. J.—Sermons, 104; conversions, 3; members received, 18; baptisms, 5; addresses, 5; marriages, 2; funerals, 6; salary, $3,420.00.

Bowden, D. J.—Dean of Elon College.

Bowers, T. F.—Sermons, 122; conversions, 26; members received, 28; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings, 46; addresses, 16; marriages, 11; funerals, 10; salary, $3,775.

Bozarth, H. P.—Sermons, 62; conversions, 7; members received, 15 and 16 associated members; baptisms, 6; addresses, 14; marriages, 1; funerals, 2; salary, $4,000.00.

Brooks, A. C.—No report.

Crutchfield, G. C.—Sermons, 100; conversions, 15; members received, 17; baptisms, 17; prayer meetings, 25; addresses, 4; marriages, 6; funerals, 10; salary, $1,680.00.

Graves, J. S.—Ordained during conference year; sermons, 3; prayer meetings, 1; funerals, 2; salary, $3,600.00.

Hailey, J. R.—Dropped at conference, having united with Methodist Church.

Harrell, S. C.—Sermons, 52; conversions, 4; members received, 18; baptisms, 4; prayer meetings, 42; addresses, 9; marriages, 6; funerals, 7; salary, $4,200.00.

Humphries, T. G.—Sermons, 145; members received, 80; baptisms, 55; prayer meetings, 52; addresses, 30; marriages, 6; funerals, 21; salary, $4,500.00.

Key, C. R.—Sermons, 12; prayer meetings, 4; addresses, 119; salary as Director of Christian Rural Overseas Program, $4,660.00.

Koon, C. O.—Sermons, 104; conversions, 2; members received, 2; prayer meetings, 22; addresses, 12; marriages, 4; funerals, 16; salary, $2,352.71.

Leebrick, B. A.—Sermons, 85; conversions, 6; members received, 7; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings, 10; addresses, 8; marriages, 2; funerals, 2; salary, $2,868.00.

Madren, W. T.—Received at Conference from the Western North Carolina Conference.

Morgan, Wm. H.—Teacher at Appalachian Teachers College.

Mueller, R. C. H.—Missionary to India.

Neese, J. L.—Retired.

Perkins, J. C.—Prayer meetings, 3; student at Duke University.

Petersen, R. M.—Ordained during the conference year; sermons, 45; conversions, 1; members received, 8; addresses, 1; funerals, 1; salary, $2,290.00.

Ratzell, F. E.—Sermons, 47; conversions, 6; members received, 26; baptisms, 3; addresses, 3; marriages, 1; salary, $3,448.00.

Register, K. D.—Sermons, 72; conversions, 9; members received, 11; baptisms, 8; addresses, 4; marriages, 2; funerals, 6; salary, $3,300.00.

Reynolds, F. E.—Teacher at Elon College.

Robinson, H. E.—Sermons, 60; conversions, 9; members received, 27; baptisms, 12; prayer meetings, 30; addresses, 12; marriages, 4; funerals, 7; salary, $4,400.00.

Sloan, W. W.—Teacher at Elon College; sermons, 21; members received, 7; baptisms, 7; addresses, 120.

Smith, H. S.—Teacher at Duke Divinity School.

Smith, J. H.—Chaplain and Dean of Men at Arnold College; sermons, 30; addresses, 25; salary, $4,600.00.

Smith, W. P.—Transferred to Eastern Virginia Conference.

Snyder, W. W.—Sermons, 100; conversions, 9; members received, 45; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings, 11; addresses, 4; marriages, 6; funerals, 8; salary, $3,300.00.

Sorrell, M. T.—Sermons, 174; conversions, 60; members received, 29; baptisms, 13; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 5; marriages, 46; funerals, 29; salary, $4,000.00.

Sutton, T. D.—Received at Conference from Western North Carolina Conference.

Thelen, Mary Frances—Teacher at Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Weed, E. D.—No Report.

Wehrenberg, E. L.—Retired public school teacher; sermons, 1; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 1.

Welch, M. V.—Sermons, 126; conversions, 42; members received, 21; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings, 46; addresses, 10; marriages, 6; funerals, 4; salary, $4,160.00.

White, O. H.—No report.

Wisseman, W. E.—Sermons, 80; conversions, 20; members received, 65; baptisms, 26; prayer meetings, 20; marriages, 15; funerals, 16; salary, $4,760.00.

Wolfe, Wm. R.—Received at Conference.

Wolfe, Mrs. Wm. R.—Received at Conference.

Woodruff, R. T.—No report.

LOCAL CONFERENCE ORDINATION.

Clawson, E. J.—Sermons, 50; members received, 1; addresses, 5; marriages, 1; funerals, 1; salary, $1,800.00.

Lackey, J. R.—Sermons, 70; members received, 6; prayer meetings, 50; marriages, 2; funerals, 4; salary, $2,400.00.

Rich, W. A.—Transferred to Eastern North Carolina Conference during the conference year.

Ricketts, P. H.—Dropped at Conference, having joined the Evangelical Methodist Church.

Rice, G. V.—Ordained at Conference; sermons, 105; conversions, 8; members received, 14; prayer meetings, 2; addresses, 1; funerals, 2; salary, $2,600.00.

Stanley, J. L.—Sermons, 94; conversions, 5; members received, 7; prayer meetings, 12; funerals, 3; salary, $1,560.00.

LICENTIATES.

Bowers, John—Transferred during conference year to Western North Carolina Conference.

Chang, Timothy—Student at the University of Ohio.

Clapp, R. L.—Transferred during the conference year to Western North Carolina Conference.

Johnson, H. L.—Licensed at conference; sermons, 48; conversions, 4; members received, 1; baptisms, 3 (by G. C. Crutchfield); prayer meetings, 4; funerals, 1; salary, $380.00.

Matthews, Warren—Student at Hartford Seminary; sermons, 76; conversions, 26; members received, 41; funerals, 2; salary, $1,865.00.

Scott, W. T., Jr.—Assistant minister, Norwich, N. Y.; sermons, 20; addresses, 1; salary, $2,200.00.

Underwood, I. T.—Retired; sermons, 8.

BIBLICAL CLASS.

Littiken, J. P.—Transferred to Eastern North Carolina Conference at Conference.

Nelson, Sammy—Student at Elon College; sermons, 5.

Sorrell, Staley—Dropped at Conference.

Tolley, W. P.—Student at Hartford Seminary; to be licensed this coming year.

Wrenn, Fred H.—Student at Elon College; enrolled in Biblical Class this year.

Young, Curtis—Student at Elon College; enrolled in Biblical Class this year.

OTHERS SERVING CHURCHES IN THE CONFERENCE BUT NOT MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Loman, J. H. (Pilgrim Holiness Church)—Sermons, 480; conversions, 375; members received, 37; baptisms, 21; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 2; marriagse, 6; funerals, 15; salary, $3,500.00.

Mason, R. C., Jr. (New Jersey Association)—Began ministry at Mebane in the fall of 1952.

Truitt, J. G., Jr. (Eastern Virginia Conference)—Sermons, 26; conversions, 6; members received, 18; addresses, 6; salary, $400.00; began ministry at Lakeview Community Church, 1952.

Minutes of the Fortieth Annual Session of THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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CHRISTIAN TEMPLE, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 2, 1952

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MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Woman's Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its fortieth annual session in the Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia, October 2, 1952. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by the President, Mrs. Garland Spratley.

Mrs. Spratley announced the theme, "Building With Love and Gratitude" and gave the Call to Worship. The President's Message was as follows:

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Our themes for the past few years follow one another as though planned to show progress in Christian living: And Thy Neighbor, Opening Doors, Horizons Unlimited, We Dedicated Ourselves, Thy Will To Do, A Highway for Our God, and now, Building—With Love and Gratitude.

The reports for the year indicate growth among the women of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference. As we have journeyed along the King's Highway we have found that the paths of service have extended into every area of human life, with the individual, with the family, with those in physical and spiritual need, whether they be near or far.

The regular Executive Board meetings have been held with a prepared agenda for each meeting. Each member of the Board was requested to send an article to the editor of the Woman's Page of *The Christian Sun,* pertaining to the work of her committee, a week being designated for the publication of the article.

The programs for the thirty-second annual spring district meetings were well planned and rendered with enthusiasm. I think the most outstanding feature of the past year was the Mission Institute held in Suffolk, with Dr. Truman Douglass reviewing his book, "Mission to America" to nearly four hundred women.

I served as a member of the program committee for the Elon School of Missions, which was held in July with 46 women of Eastern Virginia enrolled. The annual conference was held at the Christian Temple, Norfolk, with forty churches represented and about three hundred and fifty present. The theme was "Building—With Love and Gratitude." Mrs. J. F. Morgan conducted the worship service and Dr. W. W. Sloan of Elon College related some of his experiences on his recent trip to Africa.

I was happy to have the privilege of attending the service of Worship and Dedication of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian women at the Biennial Meeting of the General Council in Claremont, California on June 28th, when Mrs. W. B. Williams, president of the women of the Southern Convention presented our gifts for dedication.

God has been bounteous in His blessings and as stewards of His bounty, with love and gratitude, may we humbly rededicate ourselves to spend our time, our talent, and our treasure to the building of His Kingdom upon this earth.

"Where once the twisting trail in darkness wound
Let marching feet and joyous song resound."

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY.

Mrs. J. F. Morgan led the Service of Devotion, speaking on the theme: "The House We Are Building."

The Roll Call of Churches showed the attendance to be 337 women, ministers and visitors present.

Mrs. Spratley recognized the following persons: Dr. Millard Stevens, President, S. C. C.; Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. J. G. Truitt, Miss Pattie Coghill, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Dr. W. W. Sloan, Dr. Jesse Dollar, Rev. R. E. Brittle (chosen as the outstanding rural pastor for 1951-52 by the V. P. I. Rural Pastor's Institute), and all former presidents of the Woman's Conference who were present.

Mrs. Spratley thanked the members of the Program Committee and all their helpers who compiled the program booklets.

The following District Superintendents reported on the progress of their work in their respective districts: Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Mrs. Ray Gordon, Mrs. J. E. Neese.

WAVERLY DISTRICT.

During the past year the women of the Waverly District have received great inspiration from working together as a part of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.

We have twelve churches in our district: Bethlehem (Dispt.), Barretts, Burton's Grove, Centerville, Dendron, Hopewell, New Lebanon, Richmond, Spring Hill, Union (Surry), Wakefield and Waverly. Seven churches report having a Woman's Missionary Society with 113 women enrolled.

Interest has been created and stimulated in missions through the use of good literature, visiual aids and Bible Study.

Reports from the women's societies show that six societies used the program packet —five used the study books and five held the Bible Study. We have 47 subscribers to *The Christian Sun;* 9 to *Guidepost;* 12 to *Advance;* and 6 to *Church Woman.* One church owns visual aid equipment, three groups used convention equipment.

Friendly Service gifts have been sent from five societies to: Ryder Memorial Hospital, Franklin Center, India, Carroll County and The Christian Orphanage.

Four societies sent in Life Memberships to honor a member and help renovate rooms at Franklinton Center.

Christian Family Life Week was observed by five societies through programs, fellowship suppers and family picnics.

Two societies are active in local Council of Church Women. Six societies report observing World Day of Prayer with other denominations, five observed World Community Day and five May Fellowship Day.

Three churches have active Cradle Rolls, two of these contributed to missions through Woman's Conference Treasurer.

We have five children's groups and six young people's societies. Three children's groups and four young people's societies contributed to missions through Woman's Conference Treasurer.

Two young people attended Young People's Conference at Elon and six attended Junior-High Camp at Bayside.

Our district rally at Bethlehem near Disputanta on April 1 was a day of inspiration and fellowship with Miss Coghill and Mrs. W. B. Williams as speakers.

The challenge before the women of the Waverly District is great, we have a vision of greater works for our Master. Through prayerful planning and cooperation we know we can make these visions real.

MRS. G. C. BRITTLE.

SUFFOLK DISTRICT.

While traveling the highway of life this past year I chose as my guiding scripture for the year: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; Lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path."

Now may we pause to consider what success we have had towards building a better highway for our God.

Each of the nineteen churches sent in detailed reports. Each has an organized missionary society with a combined membership of 945. Each presented a well planned devotional service for each meeting, held the Bible Study, used the packet and study books. All nineteen presented missions in a public program and held a Thank Offering program. The World Day of Prayer, World Community Day, and May Fellowship Day was observed by each Society. Seventeen societies observed National Family Week, with families attending church suppers and programs in local societies encouraging family devotion. Seventeen sent Friendly Service gifts. Twelve gave Life Memberships honoring twenty-six persons. Seven sent in Memorials in memory of nine loved ones. All societies paid their apportionment in full.

In the Suffolk District there are 385 subscriptions to *The Christian Sun,* 23 to *Advance,* 33 to *Guide Posts,* 15 to *Church Woman,* and fifteen societies have sent in news items to *The Christian Sun.* A total of 197 of our women attended the Fall Conference at Bethlehem Christian Church on October 4, 1951; 217 attended the Spring Rally at Windsor Christian Church, 31 attended the School of Missions. Five societies own visual aid equipment, another is purchasing a projector. But most all of the societies have the opportunity to view pictures either as guests of another church or by use of equipment in the community. Twelve societies attained all achievement goals.

There are 16 active Cradle Roll groups in the district, with a membership of 476. Fifteen of these groups had a Cradle Roll program and a party. Fourteen of our Children's groups have missionary education, 11 groups use the study books. There are 7 subscriptions to *Children's Religion.* Eight groups sent Friendly Service gifts.

We have 15 Young People's Societies, all of which use the packet and study books. Nine of these groups sent Friendly Service gifts. A total of 128 of our young people attended summer conferences or camps.

We were fortunate in having Mrs. F. C. Lester on February 8th at the Franklin Church to review, "We Americans North and South." Another highlight of the year was a visit from Dr. Truman Douglas on March 19th at the Suffolk Christian Church who spoke on "Mission to America." We were happy to have representatives from each District in Eastern Virginia on both of those occasions.

This has been a good year with 19 enthusiastic churches carrying out our Mission program. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and for the cooperation in this undertaking, and now may we Build with Love and Gratitude for the ensuing year.

MRS. RAY F. GORDON.

NORFOLK DISTRICT.

The Norfolk District has twelve churches and twelve active Missionary Societies with 534 women reported enrolled. There were 91 in attendance at the Fall Conference and 108 attended the Spring Rally. Fourteen were enrolled in the School of Missions.

Nine Societies reported a Thank Offering program. Each Society had a well-planned devotional program, 10 held their Bible Study and did the Mission studies. Ten Societies observed World Day of Prayer, 8 observed World Community Day, 9 had representatives at the May Fellowship Day and 8 were active in local Council of Church Women.

Subscriptions to *The Christian Sun* reported by the socities were 138, *Advance* 16, *Church Women* 4, *Guide Posts* 27. Seven Societies sent news items to *The Christian Sun.* Friendly Service gifts were reported to have been sent to both Community and Convention projects by ten Societies. The same number of societies had a Family Life Chairman and 9 Societies observed National Family Week.

Three churches own visual aid equipment and others had access to the use of local equipment. Six societies gave 10 Life Memberships and 8 societies gave 11 Memorials for a total of 21.

Nine active societies are reported for Young People. Seven used Young People's Packet and Study books and three sent Friendly Service Gifts. There were 31 in attendance at Summer Conference.

Among the Children's groups six reported having had missionary instruction in the Sunday School, six used the study books and materials provided by the Convention Superintendent. Three groups sent Friendly Service Gifts to places designated by the Convention. There were 17 subscriptions reported to *Children's Religion.*

Six Cradle Roll groups were reported with an enrollment of 124 children. Each group had a program and a party.

The Societies reaching the Goals of Achievement are: Bay View, Christian Temple, First (Portsmouth), Little Creek, Newport News, Second (Norfolk), Shelton Memorial and South Norfolk. Active Societies but not reaching all the Goals of Achievement are: Berea, Elm Avenue and First (Norfolk).

MRS. J. EVERETTE NEESE.

Mrs. W. B. Williams, President of Woman's Missionary Conference of the Southern Convention, gave an address entitled "Together We Build."

Using as her topic, "Tools Needed for Building," Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented information on the literature available for 1952-53.

Mrs. George Cornell gave the treasurer's report for 1951-52.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Society	*Paid on Apportionment*	*Thank Offering*	*Other Funds*	*Total Paid*
Antioch	$ 61.00	$ 10.96	$ 10.00	$ 81.96
Berea (Nansemond)	100.00	50.00	18.00	168.00
Begonia	20.00	10.88		30.88
Bethlehem	190.00	42.77	90.00	322.77
Cypress Chapel	116.00	13.00	10.00	139.00
Cypress Chapel (Agnes Brittle)	57.50			57.50
Dendron	60.00	15.00	10.00	85.00
Eure	57.85		10.00	67.85
Franklin	309.00	100.00	40.00	449.00
Great Bridge	80.00		10.00	90.00
Holland	165.00	24.89	30.00	219.89
Holy Neck	165.00	44.00	20.00	229.00
Hopewell	17.90			17.90
Isle of Wight	65.00	15.00	10.00	90.00
Johnson's Grove	15.00	15.00	40.00	70.00
Liberty Spring	220.00	51.00	30.00	301.00
Mt. Carmel	65.00	20.50	10.00	95.50
Mt. Zion	30.00	10.00	10.00	50.00
New Lebanon		3.00		3.00
Newport News	150.00	100.00	20.00	270.00
Norfolk:				
Bay View	86.00	14.00	10.00	110.00
Christian Temple	375.00	65.00	50.00	490.00
First	80.00	25.00		105.00
Little Creek	35.00	28.19	10.00	73.19
Rosemont	225.00	58.85	20.00	303.00
Second	80.00	12.30	10.00	102.30
Oak Grove	38.40	15.00	10.00	63.40
Oakland	100.00	50.00	35.00	185.00

Society	*Paid on Apportionment*	*Thank Offering*	*Other Funds*	*Total Paid*
Portsmouth:				
Elm Avenue	60.00			60.00
First	116.00	18.28	30.00	164.28
Shelton Memorial	60.00	11.00	10.00	81.00
Shelton Memorial (Y. W.)		11.00		11.00
Richmond	65.00	16.46	10.00	91.46
South Norfolk	130.00	34.00	40.00	204.00
Spring Hill	12.00	9.15		21.15
Suffolk	652.50	170.00	20.00	842.50
Sunbury (D.)	77.50	8.80	10.00	96.30
Union (So.)	95.75	12.63	10.00	118.38
Wakefield	56.00	15.00	10.00	81.00
Waverly	60.00	15.34	10.00	85.34
Windsor	92.75	14.50	10.00	117.25
Total	$4,441.15	$1,130.50	$ 673.00	$6,244.65
	Young People.			
Berea (Nansemond)	$ 50.00			$ 50.00
Bethlehem	102.00	$ 20.00	$ 10.00	132.00
Burton's Grove	35.00	5.00		40.00
Cypress Chapel	75.00			75.00
Dendron	20.00			20.00
Eure	27.50	1.00		28.50
Franklin	36.00			36.00
Great Bridge	10.00			10.00
Holland	27.68			27.68
Holy Neck	77.50	5.00		82.50
Liberty Spring	100.00	10.00	5.50	115.50
Mt. Carmel	40.00		3.70	43.70
New Lebanon	26.70		10.00	36.70
Newport News	30.00			30.00
Norfolk:				
Bay View	7.00			7.00
Christian Temple	83.50			83.50
First	25.00			25.00
Little Creek	10.00			10.00
Rosemont	60.00		40.00	100.00
Oak Grove	8.80			8.80
Oakland	75.00			75.00
Portsmouth, First	22.50			22.50
Spring Hill	15.00			15.00
Suffolk	98.00			98.00
Sunbury (D.)	40.00		10.00	50.00
Union (So.)	50.00			50.00
Waverly	10.00			10.00
South Norfolk	15.00			15.00
Windsor	35.00			35.00
Hopewell	10.00			10.00
Richmond	19.00			19.00
Total	$1,241.18	$ 41.00	$ 79.20	$1,361.38
	Juniors.			
Antioch	$ 16.00	$ 1.50		$ 17.50
Berea (Nansemond)	25.00			25.00
Bethlehem	32.50	10.00		42.50
Cypress Chapel	16.00			16.00

Society	*Paid on Apportionment*	*Thank Offering*	*Other Funds*	*Total Paid*
Dendron	1.20			1.20
Eure	5.00			5.00
Franklin	31.50			31.50
Holland	20.00			20.00
Holy Neck	22.00			22.00
Liberty Spring	27.40	5.00		32.40
Mt. Carmel	16.00			16.00
Newport News	12.00	48.20		60.20
Norfolk:				
Bay View	6.00			6.00
Christian Temple	31.99			42.50
Little Creek	6.25			6.25
Rosemont	18.00			18.00
Oakland	6.25			6.25
Portsmouth, First	13.00			13.00
South Norfolk	15.00	5.00		20.00
Union (So.)	9.10			9.10
Waverly	5.00			5.00
Windsor	33.88			33.88
Total	$ 368.57	$ 69.70		$ 438.27

Cradle Roll Contributions.

Antioch	$	
Berea (Nansemond)	12.17	
Bethlehem	70.57	
Cypress Chapel	12.00	
Dendron	11.90	
Eure	5.00	
Franklin	8.00	
Great Bridge	8.00	
Holland	5.55	
Holy Neck	20.00	
Liberty Spring	20.00	5.00
Mt. Carmel	63.35	
Mt. Zion	5.00	
Newport News	38.36	
Norfolk:		
Bay View	6.00	
Christian Temple	10.00	
Little Creek	5.00	
Rosemont	25.55	
Oakland	19.93	
Oak Grove	5.00	
Portsmouth:		
First	6.00	
Shelton Memorial	10.00	
South Norfolk	5.00	
Suffolk		
Sunbury (D)	15.00	
Union (Southampton)	19.18	
Wakefield	10.73	
Waverly	3.00	
Windsor	20.00	
Total	$ 449.29	$ 5.00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury October 1, 1951		$ 46.52
Offerings:		
Woman's Meeting—October 4	$ 88.05	
Waverly District	9.85	
Suffolk District	50.00	
Norfolk District	26.53	
		171.31
Offering from book review—Dr. Truman Douglas		87.06
Woman's Societies Apportionment		4,441.15
Young People's Societies Apportionmeent		1,241.18
Junior Societies apportionment		368.57
Cradle Roll Contributions		440.29
Thank Offering		1,246.20
Life Memberships		410.00
Memorials		210.00
Friendly Service		43.00
Specials:		
Dr. & Mrs. Riggs		40.00
Philippine Student Project		49.20
Total Receipts		$8,798.48

Disbursements.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Board of Southern Convention	$7,885.87	
Mrs. Barbara B. Nelms, Treasurer, Youth Fellowship, Eastern Virginia	413.72	
Dr. W. T. Scott—Elon Kitchen	13.45	
Dr. W. W. Sloan—Conference Speaker	30.00	
Gurley Press—Conference Programs	12.50	
G. D. Colclough—Annual Binders & Children's Year Books	32.10	
Suffolk Insurance Corp.—New and Renew Treasurer's Bond	25.00	
Supplies for Treasurer's Office	8.00	
Sussex—Surry Dispatch—Stationery	16.00	
Suffolk Office Supply—Rubber Stamps	3.16	
Gurley Press—Report Blanks, Receipt Books	22.50	
Virginia Council of Church Women	50.00	
Dr. Truman Douglas	15.00	
Lyon—Austin—Flowers	8.31	
Minutes in Annual (April 1951)	78.20	
Telephone Calls—President	6.20	
Mrs. J. E. Neese—Office Supplies	4.50	
Sussex-Surry Dispatch	7.00	
Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle—Secretary Expenses	6.75	
Raymond O. Brown—Adding Machine	50.00	
Bank Service Charge	2.00	
		8,690.26
Balance in Treasury		$ 108.22

MRS. GEORGE M. CORNELL.

Mrs. Spratley appointed the following committees:

Committee on Place—Mrs. Ray Gordon, Mrs. J. E. Neese, Mrs. R. C. Brittle.

Committee on Courtesy—Mrs. June Davidson, Mrs. Melvin Dollar, Mrs. Roy Helfenstein.

Committee on Recommendations—Mrs. E. G. Middleton, Mrs. R. E. Brittle, Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Mrs. W. G. Middleton presented the following recommendations:

1. That $50.00 be appropriated by the Woman's Conference to the Virginia Council of Churches.

2. That the goal for the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference for 1952-53 be set at $9,000.00.

3. That special emphasis be placed on the work in the Carroll County Mission.

4. That each local society endeavor to show the feature film "More for Peace."

Mrs. Samuel Harrell Ferebee, organist, gave an organ meditation, the special musical number for the morning session.

Dr. W. W. Sloan, Professor of Religious Education, Elon College, N. C., addressed the conference on the subject, "Africa As I Saw It."

Dr. Millard Stevens presided over and received the morning offering which amounted to $105.62.

Mrs. E. G. Middleton, Life Membership and Memorial Superintendent, conducted the Memorial Service, "An Expression of Love." She was assisted by Mrs. L. W. Vaughan and Mrs. A. B. Jarvis, who sang a duet, "Sunrise Tomorrow." Dr. I. W. Johnson closed the service with prayer, benediction and grace for the luncheon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hymn: "O Worship the King."

Prayer: Mrs. Herbert Harrell.

Mrs. A. C. Moore presented the Thank Offering Project, reading a message from Miss Gladys Yates, chairman. Mrs. Moore presented Rev. James Madren, a former pastor in Carroll County and Dr. W. T. Scott—both spoke on the projected program in Carroll County.

Mrs. Beale of the Franklin Church invited the women of the Conference to hear Miss Steele at their church on November 16, 1052, the visitors to bring sandwiches, to provide for one's own meal, the service starting at 4:00 P. M.

The following Departmental Leaders were presented and received:

FRIENDLY SERVICE.

I was so pleased to get the reports of the good things you have done about Friendly Service.

I believe "The Ryder Memorial Hospital" and "The Migrant Work" in Virginia came in first place as friendly service projects. But many remembered Franklinton Center and their great need there. Then there was Miss Olin Nicholson whom so many of you heard at the Rallies and we in Eastern Virginia heard in Richmond at the Young People's State Rally. Who could do so much with so little for the great need in India?

I want to bring to your attention again, "Coupons for the Orphanage." This is a continuing Project. If you haven't already appointed a "coupon chairman" do so immediately. All coupons are valuable no matter what the date. Save your coupons, and send them to Mrs. John G. Truitt, Elon Orphanage, Elon College, N. C.

The scope of our work continues to increase, and as new emergencies arise we want to meet them in a friendly way.

Our new projects for the coming year will fit right into our two mission study themes. Miss Corrine Nordquist in Johannesburg, South Africa, is doing a won-

derful job in religious education and social work. We will want to remember her and her work later in the year. Each local group will have more information from Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, our Convention Chairman. But now we want to stress "Ellis Island," our home project. Because these gifts are to be collected and given in December so they can be mailed to Mrs. Jamie F. Pratt, Social Service, Ellis Island, New York 4, N. Y., by January 15, 1953. Mrs. Wisseman is planning a program for December which you will receive shortly.

Hope each church will support this project with Bags for Christmas gifts—16 in. x 16 in. and 24 in. x 24 in., each with a draw string in the top. They should be made of sturdy material, either of the traditional Christmas red or green, or of colorful designs. The main thing is that they be strong bags for many will probably use them in lieu of duffle bags or even suitcases.

Miss Pratt especially wants these bags filled with a toy, hard candy, crayons, color book and any other articles that you might think suitable for a small child.

I am quite sure if you could see the faces of these small children as they take their bag on the train when they leave Ellis Island for their new homee in Amrica you would be repaid for your friendly act.

"He who gives a child a treat
Rings the bell on Heaven's street."

MRS. RAY F. GORDON.

SPIRITUAL LIFE.

The aim of the Spiritual Life Committee is to encourage our women to give Christ first place in their thoughts and lives, and to strengthen their devotional lives and that of their families. We know that it is the woman in the home who sets the tempo of the family life to a great extent. If through our fellowsihp we can make them aware of this power or trust and the responsibility it puts on them because of it—we all would walk closer to God.

Our theme this year—"Building With Love and Gratitude"—is a wonderful one to follow "A Highway for Our God." And it is an incentive to all of us to give our best to the Master.

Our theme hymn for this year is, "We Thank Thee, Lord, Thy Paths of Service Lead," by Rev. Calvin W. Laufer. We hope you will use as much as possible during the coming year.

Our Bible Study for 1952-53 is a study of Paul's letter to the Colossians. It is called "Christ in You: Your Hope of Glory—Your Power for Service," by Joseph M. Gettys. In the first lesson of this study the author says, "Before you do anything else, spend a season in prayer with God." And St. Paul in Colossians 4:2 said, "Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving.

The world is waiting for somebody,
Waiting and watching today;
Somebody to lift and strengthen,
Somebody to shield and stay.

Do you thoughtfully question, "Who?"
'Tis you, my friend, 'tis you.

The world is waiting for somebody,
And has been years on years:
Somebody to soften its sorrows,
Somebody to heed its tears.

Then, doubting, question no longer, "Who?"
For, oh, my friend, 'tis you!

—Author Unknown.

MRS. J. H. DULING.

FAMILY LIFE.

The Congregational Christian Commission on Christian Family Life has made great progress in the last five years, through the channels of the Women's Missionary Organizations and the use of the resources of the Division of Christian Education to reach the entire denomination.

In the program of many churches the focus of course is on the home. At all times in some measures, the church has been mindful of the home. The Christian Church and Christian home are partners in the religious nurture of growing persons. The Church is about the only institution in which all ages are welcome.

I am happy to report that there is evidence in the Eastern Virginia Conference of splendid progress in programs to strengthen and enrich Christian Family Life. Every church in Eastern Virginia with the exception of two, observed National Family Week. There is an increase of Family activities in the church: such as Family Festivals, Family Night, Family Camps, sponsored by the church, and Reading Table of Family Life materials. One church has "Literature Altar" instead of Literature Table. Another uses a cross and candles on the table, sometimes vested girls hand out materials. Some of our Sunday Schools use the Pilgrim Series, along with the material each quarter, there is a Family Book. The Family Book for the past quarter was "The Family Adventures," many homes took advantage of this splendid offer.

I am happy of the progreess we have made and am glad I could have a small part in the growth of this enterprise, the promotion of Christian Family Life. We still have much to do, and must broaden our program each year. Our first step each year is to talk with the minister and Church School Superintendent to see how, as a woman's society, we might cooperate in a complete program for our church.

My one suggestion for the coming year comes from the Program Manual of the Pilgrim Series and since this is the year of the completion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the greatest Bible news in three hundred and forty-one years we are told. As a fall "All Church Program," have a Bible Exhibit and Family Night. Make it a program in which every family of the church may have a part.

Best wishes as you strive to enrich Christian Families in your church and communities.

MRS. W. MILLARD STEVENS.

VISUAL-AID.

As church women we are all concerned with making the outreach of our church more effective.

In order to reach this objective we use many methods. We teach; we hold institutes and conferences; and we plan many programs.

As we plan our work for the coming year, let us consider the audio-visual method of teaching. The picture projector and screen, the record player and recorder, the radio and television transmitter and receiver, all can be effectively used through scripturally based facts for teaching Christian beliefs to the unchurched and the indifferent, and provide opportunity for the churchman to understand more thoroughly his obligations in God's service.

I heartily recommend the purchase of a film-strip and slide projector as a sound investment. The faculty of the Liberty Spring Bible School, held during this past summer, were thrilled with the results obtained with the use of their new three-dimensional machine, especially with the Primary group.

Most churches have access to a movie projector through their high school, farm organization, or T. B. Association; so, let us try to give the membership of each church the opportunity of seeing our feature film of the year, "And More for Peace." This is an excellent film on stewardship, 45 minutes long, 16 mm. black and white, and can be secured from the Office of the Southern Convention, Elon College, N. C.

Other recommended pictures are:

1. "Challenge of Africa"—A dramatic film document of the struggle between Communism and Christianity in Africa—16 mm. sound, 30 minutes. Rental, $8.00.

2. "We Hold These Truths"—A challenging film presenting a program of the churches in the cause of human rights—16 mm. sound, 30 minutes. Rental, $8.00.

Both of the above pictures may be obtained from: The Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., or from Tidewater Audio-Visual Service, 617 West 35th Street, Norfolk 8, Virginia.

Many other excellent films are listed in your Visual Packet with detailed information.

Please contact me if I can be of service.

MRS. A. C. MOORE.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION.

Reports of the year's Interdenominational Cooperation have been most encouraging. Everywhere women are recognizing that the world has become one great community, and to build a lasting peace we must joint hands and work together for the common end.

Thirty groups reported observing World Community Day. Their generous contributions helped to set up sewing centers for refugees in Central Europe. Blankets of all shapes and sizes were brought. These were sent to needy refugees in Korea, Palestine and Germany.

Next year our project, Packets for Peace will provide clothing for little children from infants to 6 years. This need is urgent. The offering will support the work of United Church Women for Peace.

This year:

1. Clothe a child.
2. Study that you may know how peace may be made a reality.
3. Give—that the Christian women's action program for a lasting peace may advance more effectively in the year ahead.

World Day of Prayer was observed by 33 of the 35 groups reporting. On February 29th women of all creeds and colors united their petitions all around the world. Each year World Day of Prayer is more widely observed. Last year, in churches, schools, business houses and various other places all over the land prayers were offered.

On February 20, 1953, W. D. P. will again be observed. The topic "Who Is My Neighbor?" with emphasis on the American Indian. "Wrought by Prayer," a new book, is an inspiring account of what W. D. P. offerings have accomplished through the years.

May Fellowship Day which comes even closer home since the topic "Spiritual Security for Today's Families" was studied, was observed by 32 groups.

The necessity of preserving the values which strengthen, and finding new ways to help families build spiritual security in these troubled times should be the joyous and important task of every church woman of all denominations.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS

It is our privilege this year to say "thank you" in a very substantial way to those who work so faithfully and willingly among us and to pay tribute to those we cherish by giving Life Memberships or Memorials for them.

What better way could we honor them than by giving through this means to Franklinton Center. Here Negro ministers and lay leaders are trained to work among their people. Truly it is an opportunity not only to further the cause of Christ but also help these our friends and fellow-workers to help themselves.

Total Life Memberships	29	$390.00
Total Memorials	21	210.00
Total		$600.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS—1951-1952.

Antioch—Mrs. S. H. Griffin.
Berea—Mrs. H. P. Harrell.
Bethlehem—Mrs. J. M. Byrd, Mrs. B. C. Barnes, Mrs. E. H. Moore, Mrs. Charlie Powell, Mrs. Sallie Darden, Mrs. Paul Yates, Mrs. Harvey Harrell Mrs. H. C. Nelms, Mrs. Louise B. Joyner, Hugh Gray (Young People).
Cypress Chapel—Mrs. Otelia Harrell.
Dendron—Mrs. J. R. Bishop.
Franklin—Emily Greer Gatten, Eugenia McKenny Collins, Mary Ann Matthews Harrell.
Holy Neck—Mrs. Harvey L. Worrell, Mrs. Allen Piland.
Isle of Wight—Mrs. Mamie Joyner.
Liberty Spring—Mrs. S. H. Rawls, Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, Sr., Mrs. Hontas Rawls.
New Lebanon—O. U Cockes (Young People).
Newport News—Mrs. Mason Webb.
Christian Temple—Rev. Philip S. Sailor, Mrs. John L. Pitt, Mrs. A. C. Godfrey, Mrs. Charles Plummer.
Little Creek—Mrs. W. B. Bowden.
Oakland—Mrs. Howard Scott Hardcastle.
Portsmouth, First—Mrs. Annie Williamson.
South Norfolk—Mrs. Lizzie Hall, Mrs. Pearl Robinson.
Sunbury (Damascus)—J. M. Byrum (Young People).
Union (Southampton)—Mrs. Annie Drake.
Wakefield—Mrs. P. A. Hines.
Waverly—Mrs. Mary E. Haskitt.
Windsor—Mrs. E. A. Laine.

MEMORIALS.

Franklin—Mrs. Nina Holland Cobb.
Great Bridge—Rev. J. F. Morgan.
Holland—Mrs. H. B. Everett, Mrs. J. P. Dalton.
Mt. Zion—Rev. W. Stanley Carne.
Mt. Carmel—Mrs. Anna Bowden.
Newport News—Mrs. Bessye Hyatte.
Bay View—Mrs. B. C. Haskitt.
Christian Temple—A. M. Johnson.
Rosemont—Mrs. J. N. Cutchin, Mrs. H. L. Bondurant.
Norfolk, Second—C. C. Etheridge, Jr.
Oak Grove—Mrs. Mamie Alphin.
Portsmouth, First—Mrs. W. Stanley Carne, Mrs. C. F. Rudd.
Shelton Memorial—Mrs. C. B. Briggs.
South Norfolk—Mrs. Sallie Ross. Mrs. Wilma Hanbury.
Suffolk—Mrs. R. H. Powell, Mrs. B. B. Carroll.
Sunbury (Damascus)—Mrs. J. H. Lassiter.

MRS. E. G. MIDDLETON.

CRADLE ROLL.

Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. I am sure that each of us realizes the importance of early Christian training. That is why the Cradle Roll plays such an important part in a child's life. The home and the church each share in this training; in other words, the foundation for the child's life is laid during his first six years, and these years are spent in the Cradle Roll.

Children learn by doing, and adapt themselves easily to their environment. It is easy to see then, that if they are exposed to Christian training at an early age, such training will become a part of their lives. Family worship, grace at meals, sharing with each other, and regular church attendance all will make a definite and good impression on the young child. Such deep-rooted attention to God and His wonders is not likely to leave even after many years.

The church helps in this training with their programs, their mite boxes, their parties for the young people. And in all these activities, the missionary importance

should be stressed, for even in such a small thing as a mite box, the child can learn that God loves children everywhere, that we are all His children, and that we must share our gifts.

Let us not look lightly upon the work of the Cradle Roll, for in it we face a grave responsibility to the young of our church. And this responsibility rests upon parents, teachers, superintendents, and upon every member of the church.

There are 29 Cradle Roll Societies in Eastern Virginia and 22 had Cradle Roll parties. Some societies used the suggested literature, while others used the *Children's Religion, Bible Stories* and pictures.

The offering this year amounted to $440.29.

"A PIECE OF CLAY"

I took a piece of plastic clay
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days wore past—
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it, it still bore,
But I could change it nevermore.

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day,
And moulded with my power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone—
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
But I could change him nevermore.

—*Author Unknown.*

MRS. R. F. EDWARDS.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

Again we are planning our missionary work for the year, and especially do we want to emphasize missionary education in our children's groups. We realize the growing need for work among the children in our churches. May we accept the challenge that is ours today, if we expect to have a harvest tomorrow.

This year we hope we may be able to help our children better understand the people of Africa and also the Indians by using the Study Books and Guides recommended.

We urge you as leaders to try to develop a sense of kinship with these their other friends of other lands by letting them participate in some of the same experiences that the boys and girls of other lands have, such as singing the same songs, enjoying the same games, making the same things, sometimes in handicraft.

I recommend if possible a period in each of your programs for activities. Children learn best by these. Let the climax from this period be some out-going experience of friendliness and goodwill in the way of gifts to their new-found friends.

Then last, but not least let visual aids speak to your chilrden. Children love pictures and a great lesson can be taught through them. Some splendid films are recommended in your Teacher's Guide this year. Try them!

May you go forward this year in your children's work in the name of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

LOUISE P. SEELEY.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

One of the most important things we have learned in the years of work with young people is this: That it is not so important what we do for them, but what we do with them is of first importance. If we are to build with Love and Gratitude the church of tomorrow we must work with our young people rather than simply providing for them. For their leadership will come out of their experience with us.

If we are to work with them one fact stands out. That as youth leaders and youth workers our knowledge both of the program of the Woman's Conference and of the Youth Conference must be included. On the whole, we leave too much to chance and the vain hope that good results will come from little or no planning and little diligent care. Certainly we would not attempt to construct a physical building without concern for blueprints and careful plans. It is imperative that we exercise the same care in planning for the future of our church as we work with our young people. To you each year comes much information not only in the Youth Packet but in Pilgrim Notes and in *The Christian Sun* and in letters. How many of us use it profitably or how many of us consign it to that circular basket in the corner of the room without even careful reading?

Tomorrow's church needs to be stronger, bigger and more devoted, if it is to meet the needs of man and of God. Our young people are the land, the bricks, the mortar, the minds, the hands and the lives given to us to build that better church. Let us then with Love and Gratitude work with them wisely that to the glory of God and the ministry of man we may build a greater church.

MRS. R. E. BRITTLE.

Hymn: "We Thank Thee Lord."

Mrs. W. B. Williams told of the launching of four and one-half million dollar campaign on March 1, 1953 by the Church Building Society to bring funds to $8,000,000.00. The share of the Southern Convention will be $135,000.00, 30 per cent of which will be returned to the Southern Convention.

Dr. L. E. Smith was presented and spoke on current campaign by the College.

Dr. John G. Truitt also was presented and he told of the Elon Orphanage campaign for coupons and asked for contributions.

The Secretary read the Auditor's Report on the condition of the Treasurer's books. It was moved and accepted that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

The following made reports:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE.

The Committee on Place recommends that the next meeting be held at Waverly Christian Church.

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COURTESY.

1. That we thank the Executive Board for the splendid program arranged for our inspiration and spiritual uplift.

2. To Dr. W. W. Sloan for his splendid presentation of Africa as he saw it on his visit there this summer.

3. To Mrs. W. B. Williams, our Woman's Convention President, for challenging us that together we build the Kingdom of God.

4. To Mrs. J. F. Morgan for her inspiring meditation.

5. To Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. James Madren and Mrs. A. C. Moore for making us mindful of the building that needs to be done in Carroll County, and to all who have contributed to the success of the program.

6. That we express sincere appreciation to the pastor and ladies of the Christian Temple for their gracious hospitality extended to us this day.

7. That we strive to build the Kingdom of God in the world through love and gratitude.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

(See above in Morning Session.)

It was moved and seconded that these recommendations be accepted as read.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

Officers:

President—Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron, Va.
Vice-President and Chairman of Friendly Service—Mrs. Ray Gordon, Suffolk, Va.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Chuckatuck, Va.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. L. W. Stagg, 400 W. 34th Street, Norfolk, Va.
Treasurer—Mrs. George Cornell, R.F.D. 2, Suffolk, Va.

Superintendents:

Young People—Mrs. John F. Williams, R. F. D. 1, Portsmouth, Va.
Children—Mrs. Shirley Holland, Windsor, Va.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. R. F. Edwards, 13 Jewel Avenue, Portsmouth, Va.

Chairmen of Standing Committees:

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Raye Knight, Chuckatuck, Va.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. E. G. Middleton, 2942 Amhurst St., Norfolk, Va.
Literature—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, 512 W. Washington St., Suffolk, Va.
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly, Va.
Christian Family Life—Mrs. Millard Stevens, 6049 Newport Ave., Norfolk, Va.
Visual Aid—Mrs. A. C. Moore, 301 Western Ave., Suffolk, Va.

Mrs. R. T. Bradford conducted the Installation Service, assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Vick who sang a solo and Mrs. S. H. Ferebee at the organ.

Benediction.

MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Secretary.*

Minutes of the Fortieth Annual Session of THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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APPLE'S CHAPEL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 7, 1952

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MORNING SESSION.

The fortieth annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference was held on October 7, 1952, at Apple's Chapel Congregational Christian Church. The theme of the meeting was "Building—With Love and Gratitude." There were over 300 registered for the meeting. The President, Mrs. W. J. Andes, presided. Mrs. Carl Dawson, Chairman of Spiritual Life, led in a worship service, during which Mrs. W. T. Scott sang the theme hymn, "We Thank Thee Lord, Thy Paths of Service Lead."

The host pastor, Rev. John R. Lackey, recognized the ministers and visitors.

The District Superintendents, who were present, were recognized and each gave a brief report. New societies reported were Lakeview, Beverly Hills, Pfafftown, Lebanon, Eutaw Community (Fayetteville) and Moore's Union, and Morrisville has reorganized.

The President reported that only 16 of the 82 societies reporting had checked all the achievement goals.

The President appointed the following committees:

Nominating—Mrs. Carl Wallace, Mrs. W. E. Briggs and Mrs. Wallace B. Truitt (appointed prior to conference).
Place—Mrs. Mamie Leonard.
Courtesy—Mrs. M. A. Pollard, Mrs. S. R. Peebles and Mrs. Wallace Farrell.

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Women's Societies	$8,587.24
Young People	149.72
Junior Societies	180.33
Cradle Roll	247.57
Conference Offering (Ingram, Va.)	80.02
Rally Offerings	174.38
Total Receipts	$9,419.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Mission Board, Southern Convention, for:

Thank Offering	$1,402.03
Life Memberships	570.00
Memorials	150.00
Christian Orphanage	39.75
Franklinton Center	49.03

Cent-A-Meal Offering	72.65		
Home Missions—Special	31.00		
Foreign Missions—Special	240.00		
Work in Korea	5.00		
Ryder Memorial Hospital	14.00		
Relief and Reconstruction	37.93		
Miss Nicholson's work in India	37.00		
Dr. Riggs' Medical Fund	25.00		
Missions—General Fund	6,171.55		
		$8,844.94	
Youth Fellowship	$ 149.72		
North Carolina Council of Churches — Offerings for three special days	81.65		
North Carolina Migrant Work	85.02		
		316.39	
Conference Speaker	$ 20.00		
Rally Day Speaker	25.00		
Conference Programs and Guest Dinners	33.20		
Literature (Packets and Programs)	20.10		
Space in ANNUAL	18.40		
Mimeograph Work	15.91		
H. Steinmetz—Florist	5.15		
Expense of Board Meeting	16.50		
Expense of District Superintendents' Meeting	20.60		
Expense of Rallies	57.08		
Expense of President	5.00		
Expense of Treasurer	20.99		
		257.93	
			$9,419.26

The Thank Offering project for 1952 was presented by Mrs. R. V. Powell and Dr. W. T. Scott. The offering this year will be used to help relocate the Rocky Ford Church in Carroll County, Virginia.

Dr. L. E. Smith made an appeal for our increased interest and support of Elon College, explaining the Apportionments, Sustaining Fund and the Two and One-half Million Dollar Fund for capital improvements.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented the year's themes and literature with the help of Mrs. D. M. Estes, Mrs. Tucker Humphries, Miss Ruth Dunn, Mrs. B. B. Johnson and Mrs. W. P. Bowland. Our Home Mission theme is "Human Rights" and the Foreign theme "Africa."

Mrs. S. L. Mauldin explained the Friendly Service projects for this year: (1) Bags of gifts for immigrants and (2) clothing, maternity bags, Bible costumes, stuffed toys, etc., for Miss Nordquist in South Africa.

Mrs. H. E. Robinson, Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials, after explaining the way our money will help in Franklinton Center, held a brief, impressive memorial service.

The offering was received and Rev. Mark Andes led in the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, a member of the National Home Missions Board, spoke on the need to build up the loan fund of the Church Building Society. The drive for such funds will be started in the Southern Convention in March, 1953, and Mrs. Wisseman urged our cooperation.

Our Southern Convention Woman's President, Mrs. W. B. Williams, gave the main address on "Building—With Love and Gratitude."

Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of our Orphanage, urged everyone to continue sending coupons which will greatly benefit the orphanage financially.

The following report of the Courtesy Committee was read and adopted:

REPORT OF COURTESY COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED:

1. That we thank the pastor and people of Apple's Chapel Church for entertaining this session of the Woman's Conference, and for the delicious meal served.

2. That we express to the officers our appreciation for their service, the splendid program, and generous hospitality.

3. That each of our societies be commended for the splendid work done this year, and that we strive to do our best this coming year.

MRS. M. A. POLLARD,
MRS. S. R. PEEBLES,
MRS. WALLACE FARNELL,
Committee.

The Place Committee announced that an invitation for next year's conference had come from the First Church, Greensboro. The invitation was accepted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and officers elected as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs. W. T. Scott.
Vice President—Mrs. Richard L. Jackson.
Secretary—Mrs. Russell V. Powell.
Treasurer—Miss Susie D. Allen.
Departmental Superintendents:
Spiritual Life—Mrs. Carl Dawson.
Literature—Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries.
Family Life—Mrs. Edd Chilton.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. S. E. Albert.
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. W. L. Parker.
Young People—Miss Ruth Dunn.
Children—Mrs. Carl Key.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. W. P. Bowland.
Social Action—Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.
District Superintendents:
Asheboro—Mrs. Bill Simmons.
Burlington—Mrs. C. C. Ward.
Greensboro—Mrs. C. V. Wright.
Halifax—Mrs. Y. A. Bray.
Henderson—Mrs. Carl Wallace.
Raleigh—Mrs. D. M. Estes.
Sanford—Mrs. R. L. House.

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman suggested, and the conference concurred in a rising vote of thanks for the hard work done by Mrs. Andes in her two years as our President.

A motion was made and carried that greetings be sent to Dr. R. L. House and Mrs. C. E. Newman by the Secretary.

Dr. W. T. Scott led in a closing service of consecration and installation of the officers.

DOROTHY T. POWELL,
Recording Secretary.

Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Session of THE VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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BETHEL CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ELKTON, VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 9, 1952

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MORNING SESSION.

The Virginia Valley Woman's Missionary Conference met in its 25th Annual Session, October 9, 1952, with the Bethel Church. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. E. Bryant. After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. R. A. Whitten was in charge of the devotionals, using as her subject, "Building for Peace."

The visitors and ministers present were recognized, and the roll call of the churches and societies showed eleven societies represented.

The Departmental Reports were presented by the several Superintendents and adopted as a whole as follows:

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Noah Painter.
Family Life—Mrs. W. J. Andes.
Friendly Service—Mrs. E. J. Rohart.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. R. A. Whitten.
Young People—Mrs. D. H. Dofflemeyer.
Juniors—Mrs. Rachel Miller.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Austin Kipps.

Mrs. W. B. Williams, President of the Woman's Convention, spoke on the highlights of the Mid-Winter Meetings at Cleveland, Ohio, in January, and of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches in Claremont, California, in June.

Mrs. W. W. Sloan gave an inspiring message on her trip to Africa in the summer of 1952.

The benediction and grace for lunch were given by Rev. S. E. Madren.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. Ralph Galt had charge of the devotionals.

Rev. James W. Madren, former pastor of our Carroll County Mission, presented the work of the Mission—which is the project for the Woman's Thank Offering.

In the absence of Mrs. Orville Hoover, Superintendent of Interdenominational Cooperation, Mr. Whitlock gave the report; and in the absence of Miss Virginia Mason, Superintendent of Literature, Mrs. R. A. Whitten presented this report. These reports were adopted.

Mrs. B. F. Frank, Historian, presented her report, and it was received as follows:

REPORT OF THE HISORIAN.

The Woman's Virginia Valley Central Conference was organized in a mission group in August, 1912, by Mrs. W. H. Denison of Norfolk, Virginia.

Mrs. W. T. Walters was chosen the first president and served for nine years. Mrs. H. C. O. Martz, secretary; Miss Ivie Andes, now Mrs. B. F. Frank, treasurer. The following have served as presidents: Mrs. W. T. Walters, Mrs. Boyd Richards, Miss Verdie Showalter, Mrs. R. A. Larrick, Miss Ora Scott, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. B. J. Earp, Mrs. K. H. Sale, Mrs. R. A. Whitten and Mrs. J. E. Bryant. The following secretaries have served: Miss H. C. O. Martz, Mabel Liskey Fultz, Mrs. E. D. Chapman, Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Mrs. B. F. Frank—nineteen years, Helen Showalter Miller, Clarine Andes and Mrs. Howard T. Hensley. The following have served as treasurer: Ivie Andes Frank, Miss Verdie Showalter—twenty years, Mrs. R. A. Larrick, Mrs. Boyd Richards, Mrs. Noah Painter and Mrs. H. F. Nelson.

The Woman's Mission Board met in annual session at the time of Annual Conference, session allotted to the Woman's Board, until 1928 when the women met at Linville with representatives from most churches and organized a Woman's Missionary Conference. The following shurches have entertained the Conefrence, a few have entertained four times: Linville, Leaksville, Antioch, Dry Run, Bethel, Concord, New Hope, Newport, Palmyra, Mt Olivet (R), Mayland, Bethlehem, Wisslers Chapel and Winchester.

The Conference is divided into districts, and each district is to have a mission rally once a year. "The purpose of this Conference is to promote and stimulate an interest in missions; to enlist its organization in a fellowship of worship, education, service, and undergird the general program of the Virginia Valley Central Conference as it serves the cause of Christ.

In the absence of Mrs. H. F. Nelson, Treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Whitten presented the treasurer's report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance July 26, 1951		$ 57.57
RECEIPTS.		
Conference Offering (Leaksville)	$ 18.38	
The nineteen Women's Missionary Societies	887.71	
Young People's Societies	139.58	
Junior Societies	10.38	
Miscellaneous	5.48	
Cradle Roll	23.55	
		1,185.08
		$1,142.65
DISBURSEMENTS.		
July 26, 1951—Mrs. Ellis Henningway	$ 25.00	
July 31, 1951—Postage	2.67	
July 31, 1951—Mrs. J. E. Bryant (calls)	2.00	
August 20, 1951—Pifer Printing (Conference program)	7.00	
October 4, 1951—Mrs. W. V. Leathers	100.81	
October 22, 1951—Henry T. Gorde (Treasurer's bond)	5.00	
November 14, 1951—George D. Colclough (Mins.)	40.00	
January 2, 1952—Mrs. W. V. Leathers	193.81	
March 31, 1952—Mrs. W. B. Williams (Expense)	16.00	
March 31, 1952—Miss Oline Nicholson	15.00	
April 3, 1951—Mrs. W. V. Leathers	181.81	
April 30, 1952—United Council of Church Women	6.00	

May 26, 1952—George D. Colclough (Minutes in ANNUAL)	18.40	
October 1, 1952--Mrs. W. V. Leathers	446.19	
		1,059.69
Balance in Bank, October 1, 1952		$ 82.96

MRS. H. F. NELSON, *Treasurer.*

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented the Literature available and led a question period.

The Committee on Recommendations reported and the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Thank Offering for 1952-1953 go to Carrol County Mission Work.

2. That a Caravan be sponsored by the executive board, in the hope of stimulating interest in Woman's Work.

3. That the local society treasurer send quarterly reports to the Conference treasurer.

4. That in every place possible each society set its organization on the same level as the Conference and the Convention to include the various chairmen.

5. That we cooperate with Convention Friendly Service at Ellis Island and Africa.

6. That we go on record as being in favor of the name, "Woman's Fellowship."

MRS. E. J. ROHART,
MRS. CARROLL MONGER,
MRS. CECIL WHITLOCK,
Committee.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. Thank the program committee for the program and the splendid reports of the day.

2. We appreciate the interest of Mrs. W. B. Williams, the inspiring address, also to Mrs. W. W. Sloan for her wonderful message.

3. That we give a rising vote of thanks to pastor and members of Bethel Church for their hospitality and delicious meal.

4. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill for her help in our Woman's Work.

5. That we dedicate ourselves anew to advance the work in our church, at home and abroad.

6. Our grateful thanks to our president and being able to go to Southern Board's Meeting and for her untiring support of missions. Also to the retiring secretary our grateful thanks.

E. LENA ROTHGEB,
ETHEL SPADE,
MRS. A. W. ANDES,
Committee.

The report of the Nominating Committee was received and the following officers were elected:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President—Mrs. Cecil Whitlock.
Vice-President—Mrs. E. J. Rohart—Friendly Service Chairman.
Secretary—Mrs. Austin Kipps.
Treasurer—Mrs. Florence Bryant.
Superintendents—
Young People—Mrs. Carroll Monger.
Children—Mrs. Clara Dovel.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Linden Kipps.
Spiritual Life—Mrs. Edgar Nelson.
Life Membership and Memorial—Mrs. R. A. Whitten.
Literature—Miss Virginia Mason.
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. Tom Good.
Family Life—Mrs. S. E. Madren.
Visual Aid—Mrs. Ralph Galt.

MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS,
MRS. B. F. FRANK,
MRS. AMY KIBLER,
MRS. FLOYD SHOWALTER,
MRS. ROY HOSAFLOOK,
Committee.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Place, the Conference voted to hold the 1953 meeting at the Bethlehem Church.

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Rev. E. J. Rohart pronounced the benediction and the Conference was adjourned.

MRS. HOWARD T. HENSLEY, *Secretary.*
MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *President.*

Minutes of the Sixty-First Annual Session of THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

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WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1952

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MORNING SESSION.

The Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association held its sixty-first annual session at the Windsor Congregational Christian Church on Tuesday, December 9, 1952.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, at 10:30 A. M. The program of the day was presented and adopted. The pastor, Rev. Ellis N. Clark, of the host church was in charge of the Worship Service.

Following the worship service, the roll was called of the churches, and the Financial Secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, collected the names of the members, and the dues for the year. He was assisted by several ministers present at the meeting. The following churches reported:

Antioch—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Berea (Nansemond)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, $5; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, $5; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, $5; Mr. J. C. Matthews, $10; Mr. R. T. Bradford, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; L. A. Daniels, $5; T. J. Copeland, $10; Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, $5. Total, $105.

Bethlehem (Nansemond)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Star Class, $10; Mary Sue Brittle Class, $10; Junior Fideles Class, $10; Ladies' Aid Circle I, $10; Ladies' Aid Circle II, $10; Mr. C. F. Savage $10; Rev. R. E. Brittle, $10; Mrs. C. F. Savage, $5; Mrs. A. C. Moore, $5; Mrs. E. P. Tadlock, $5; Mrs. O. D. King, $5. Total, $120.

Burton's Grove—Sunday School, in honor of Mr. E. W. Carroll, $10. Total, $10.

Cypress Chapel—Mr. F. E. Harrell, $10; Mr. Earl Bunch, $10; Mr. J. P. Byrd, $10; Mr. James Lewter, $10; Rev. Earl T. Farrell, $10; Mr. Roy Brinkley, $10; Mr. W. C. Knight, $10; Mrs. J. C. Lynch, $5; Young Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Young People's Class, $10; Senior Ladies' Class, $10; Adult Men's Class, $30. Total, $135.

Dendron—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Franklin—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Carrie Beale Bible Class, $10; Mr. L. R. Jones, $10; Mr. E. P. Jones, $10; Mrs. E. P. Jones, $5; Mrs. J. Letcher Eley, $5. Total, $80.

Berea (Great Bridge)—Church, $20; Sunday School, $15; Berean Class, $10; Ladies' Auxiliary, $10; Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, $10; Men's Bible Class, $20; Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Mrs. S. Frost, $5; Mrs. W. E. Smith, $5; Mr. C. Pierce, $10; Mrs. F. N. Hall, $5; Mrs. J. F. LaMonte, $10; Mr. E. E. Waterfield, $10; Mr. Edgar Eason, $10. Total, $150.

Holland—Church, $25; Sunday School, $25; Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Mr. Elmer Daughtery, $10; Mr. J. P. Dalton, $10; Mrs. J. D. Rawles, $5; Mrs. James H. Lightbourne, $5. Total, $110.

Holy Neck—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Junior Baraca Class, $10; First Bible Class, $10; Second Bible Class, $10; Mr. H. L. Worrell, $10; Rev. A. L. Hurdle, $5. Total, $65.

Hopewell—Sunday School, $10; Rev. Ernest Brickhouse, $10. Total, $20.

Isle of Wight—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Liberty Spring—G. O. O'Berry, $35; R. E. Rogers' Bible Class, $10; A. H. Savage Bible Class, $10; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Bertie Johnson Bible Class, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Youth Fellowship, $10; Mr. Joel E. Harrell, $10; Mr. Wesley Harrell, $10; Mr. G. Ronnie Holland, $10; Mr. N. W. Byrd, $10; Mr. I. T. Byrd, $10; Mr. Fulmer Eason, $10; Mr. Parke C. Brinkley, $10; Mr. E. F. O'Berry, $10; Mr. H. E. Savage, $10; Mr. Fermer Parry, $10; Joe Perry, $10; Zacky Perry, $10; R. E. Rogers, $10; Dr. Jesse Dollar, $10; Mr. R. E. Parker, $10; Mr. William T. Harrell, $10; Mr. J. H. Turner, $10; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, $5; Carolyn Sue Harrell, $5; Mrs. Wesley Harrell, $5; Mrs. J. Edward Harrell, Jr., $5; Mrs. James Lynch, $5; Kathryn Lynch, $5; Janet Lynch, $5; Mrs. Ronnie Holland, $5; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, $5; Mrs. Thurman Copeland, $5; Miss Hontas Rawles, $5; Mrs. Annie Byrd, $5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, $5; Kaye Brinkley, $5; Dick Brinkley, $5; Miss Lizzie Harrell, $5; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, $5; Walter O'Berry, $5; Betty Jean Oliver, $5; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, $5; Mrs. Wesley Moore, $5; Miss Evelyn Riddick, $5; Mrs. William T. Harrell, $5; Mrs. P. S. Harrell, $5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, $5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, $5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, $5; Mrs. N. H. Bradshaw, $5; Mrs. William Lowe, $5; Mrs. Stanley Russell, $5; Mrs. Fermer Perry, $5; Frank Perry, $5; Judy Perry, $5; Mrs. Joe Parry, $; J. M. Parry, $5; Mrs. Starkey Parry, $5; Jerry Parry, $5; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, $5; Mrs. J. W. Tidwell, $5; Mrs. M. E. Copeland, $5; Mrs. R. E. Parker, $5; Thomas Stanley Harrell, $5; Dale Lawrence, $5; Mrs. Roscoe Harrell, $5; Mrs. Clarence Morgan, $5; Mrs. John Hayes, $5; Mrs. Joe Savage (Memorial for Mrs. H. E. Savage), $5. Total, $540.

Mt. Carmel—Miss Essie Johnson, $5; Mrs. Otis V. Joyner, $5; Woman's Missionary Society, $10; Mrs. E. W. Beale, $5; Mrs. Lizzie Turner, $5. Total, $30.

Mt. Zion—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Willing Worker's Class, $10; Dr. I. W. Johnson, $10. Total, $50.

Newport News—Church, $70; Woman's Auxiliary, $40; Robert Lee House Class, $10; Choir, $10; Sunday School, $20; Newman Bible Class, $10; Golden Rule Bible Class, $10; Annie Smith Bible Class, $10; Progressive Bible Class, $10; Jesse Dollar Bible Class, $10; C. D. West, $10; W. B. Williams, $10; W. H. Baker, $10; Carson Coats, $10; C. E. Holland, $10; Board of Deacons, $10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, $5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, $5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, $5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, $5; Miss Grace Spivey, $5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, $5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, $5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, $5; Miss Katherine Harrell, $5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, $5; Mrs. R. C. Luke, $5; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, $5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, $5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, $5; Mrs. Edna R. Webb, $5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, $5; Mrs. C. L. Rountree, $5; Miss Nancy Luke, $5; Mrs. S. A. Morgan, $5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, Jr., $5; Mrs. Rufus Powell, $5; Miss Shirley Lawson, $5; Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler, $5; Mrs. Alice Tate Baker, $5; Mrs. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., $5; Mrs. E. T. Mason, $5; Mrs. Molly Harward (given by the Molly Harward Circle), $5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, $5; Miss Shirley Boulds, $5; Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, $5; Mrs. I. W. Ashburn, $5; New Memberships for year—Mr. R. C. Luke, $10; L. L. Taylor, $10; Mrs. Donald E. Simon, $5; Mrs. R. L. Nottingham, Jr., $5. Total, $450.

Bay View (Norfolk)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Woman's Fellowship, $10; Young People, $10; Bartholomew Bible Class (Men), $10; Mrs. J. W. Cline, $5; Mrs. Conrad Hollreigel, $5; Mr. Harry Reitz, $5; Rev. & Mrs. Griffin, $10. Total, $75.

Christian Temple—Woman's Council, $20; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, $5; Mr. R. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, $5; Church Current Expense Fund, $20; Sunday School, $20; Templemen's Bible Class, $10; Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Albright, $10; Church (Mission Fund), $20; Mr. T. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, $5; Dorcas-Twiddy Bible Class, $20; E. W. Brewer, $10; Mrs. E. M. Brewer, $5; Dr. & Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, $10; Friendship Bible Class, $20. Total, $200.

Little Creek—Church, $25; Missionary Society, $10; West Bible Class, $10; Young People's Bible Class, $15; B.T.I. Ladies' Class, $5; Junior Boys' Class, $5;

Junior Girls' Class, $5; Primary Class, $5; Beginners' Class, $5; Mrs. M. E. Taylor, $5; Christian Young People's Meeting, $10. Three new memberships. Total, $100.

Second Church (*Norfolk*)—Morning Star Class, $10; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Mrs. J. E. Neese, $5; Mrs. L. L. Winslow, $5; Joseph Carter, Jr., $5; Junior Class, $5. Total, $50.

Rosemont—John Morrison Bible Class, $10; Betty Gibson Class, $10; Maude Hedley Class, $10; Philathea Class, $20; William Downing Class, $10; Young Adult Class, $10; Women's Missionary Society, $10; Senior Youth Fellowship, $10; Junior Youth Fellowship, $10; Youth Fellowship (Intermediate), $10; Mrs. W. H. Garrett, $5; Mrs. H. R. Morrison, $5; Mrs. St. Clair Dudley, $5; Mrs. A. P. Coffield, $5; Mr. H. R. Morrison, $10; Mrs. C. L. Richardson, $5; Mrs. D. D. Johnson, $5; Mr. H. L. Bondurant, $10; Mr. L. L. Bondurant, $10; Mrs. Virginia Goforth, $5; Mrs. Mary V. Rowland, $5; Mrs. MeMlvin Dollar, $5; Rev. Melvin Dollar, $10; Mrs. O. S. Mills, $5; Mr. William Sparkman, $10; Mrs. B. M. Herbert, $5; Mrs. W. J. Phillips, $5; Mrs. J. S. Halsted, $5; Mrs. Evelyn Caldwell, $5; Mrs. W. D. Hayman, $5; Mrs. David Dennis, $5; Miss Lowrine Halsted, $5; Mrs. Raymond Niles, $5; Mrs. Royal K. Gallup, $5; Mrs. W. E. Gladstone, $5; Mrs. T. F. Liverman, $5; Mr. Wilber DeBaum, $10; Mrs. J. D. Swink, $5; Mrs. John Halsted, $5; Primary Department, $5; Mr. L. L. Miltar, $10; Church, $200. Total, $510.

Oak Grove—Woman's Mssionary Society, $10. Total, $10.

Oakland—N. G. Newman, $10; Sunday School, $10; I. W. Johnson Class, $10; Church, $10; A. L. Wagner, $10; Mrs. Mildred Knight, $5; Mrs. P. D. Howell, $5; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, $5; Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $10; C. W. Darden, $10; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, $5; Men's Bible Class, $10; Newman Bible Class, $10; Thomas L. Jones, $10; Malbon E. Joyner, $10; O. W. Newman, $10; Loyal Fellowship Class, $10; Shelton Dailey, $10; Mrs. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $5; Mrs. H. L. Gayle, $5; Mrs. C. T. Pruden, $5; Mrs. William Dailey, $5; Friendship Class, $10; Henry Gayle Bradshaw, $10. Total, $210.

Portsmouth (*First*)—Church, $20; Sunday School, $20; Men's Class, $10; Fidelity Class, $10; Woman's Fellowship, $10; Reliable Bible Class & Ellen Grimes Bible Class $10; Mrs. Annie Williamson, $5; Mr. T. J. Hendrix, $10; Mr. Elisha Whitley, $10. Total, $110.

Elm Avenue—Sunday School, $10; Gentlemen's Bible Class, $10. Total, $20.

Shelton Memorial—Junior Women's Guild, $10; Senior Women's Guild, $10; Church, $10; Mrs. Bitgood, $5; Mrs. Fleming, $5; Mrs. Frank Lewis, $5. Total, $45.

South Norfolk—L. B. Class, $10; Huba Class $10; Junior Department, $10; Intermediate Department, $10; Truth Seekers Class, $10; Primary Department, $5; Beginner's Department, $10; Missionary, $10; Dorcas Class, $10; Mrs. Patrick White, $5; Mrs. Edwin Harris, $5; Church, $5. Total, $100.

Suffolk—Philathea Class, $20; Memorial to Dr. D. A. Harrell, $20; Suffolk Church, $20; Mrs. J. D. MacClenny, $5; Baraca Class, $30; Woman's Fellowship $50; West Memorial Class, $20; Junior Hi and Young People, $10; Mrs. A. T. Holland, $5; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, $5; Mrs. C. B. Duke, $5; Mrs. A. A. Turner, $5; Miss Jamie Felton, $5; Mrs. Annie S. Calhoun, $5; Miss Susie Holland, $5; Mrs. C. A. Shoop, $10; Mr. J. B. Grantham, $10. Total, $230.

Sunbury (*Damascus*)—Men's Bible Class, $20; Ladies Class, $10; Primary Class, $5; Carroll Byrum, $10; Rev. T. Fred Wright, $10; Mr. J. M. Byrum, $10. Total, $65.

Union (*Southampton*)—Auxiliary, $10; Young People's Missionary Society, $10; Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Mrs. Clyde Fields, $5. Total, $65.

Wakefield—Sunday School, $10. Total, $10.

Waverly—Church, $10; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. T. West), $5; Mrs. A. B. Hartz, $5; Mr. A. P. Hartz, $10; Garland Gray, $20; Graland Gray (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), $5; Sunday School (Memorial to Judge J. F. West), $10; Sunday School, $10; Sarah Johnson Class, $10; Ladies' Aid Society, $10; Woman's Missionary Society, $10; Acorn Bible Class, $10. Total, $110.

Windsor—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Baraca Class, $10; In Memory of Mr. J. W. Roberts, $10; Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Young Adult Class, $10; Mrs. J. F. Morgan (In Memory of Rev. J. F. Morgan), $10; E. J. Brock, $10; A Shadie Roberts, $10; S. T. Holland, $10; Mrs. J. M. Raby, $5; Mrs. J. H. Gwaltney, $5; Mrs. C. G. Pierce, $5; Mrs. Hattie J. Griffin (In memory of mother, Mrs. Martha S. Persons), $5. Total, $120.

Reports were given by Rev. J. Everette Neese on behalf of Second Church, Norfolk; Rev. Johnson L. Griffin, pastor of the Bay View Church,; Rev. T. Fred Wright, minister of Sunbury; Rev. Ernest F. Brickhouse, of the Hopewell Church.

The Financial Secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, reported that the dues collected amounted to $3,700.00. It was also reported that several churches had not reported, and that memberships and dues would be coming from them. Since the meeting, $225.00 more has been received.

Mr. E. L. Rawles, treasurer of the Association, submitted the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on deposit in Farmers Bank of Windsor, Va., December 4, 1951 ...		$4,549.21
RECEIPTS.		
Memberships from individuals and church organizations		3,365.00
Total Receipts		$7,914.21
DISBURSEMENTS.		
To the Bay View Church Building Fund	$4,250.00	
To Second Church, Norfolk, on Parsonage Fund	1,200.00	
To Sunbury Church on Parsonage Fund	400.00	
Pastor's salaries supplemented:		
Little Creek	100.00	
Bay View	400.00	
Hopewell	300.00	
Board of Publication for printing 1951 Minutes in ANNUAL ...	27.60	
		6,677.60
Balance on deposit in Farmers Bank, Windsor, Va., December 8, 1952 .		$1,236.61

The report was adopted by the Association.

At the conclusion of the Treasurer's Report, Rev. Earl T. Farrell, vice-president of the Association and pastor of the Oak Grove and Cypress Chapel Churches, delivered an inspiring address. After the address the meeting was adjourned for lunch. Grace and the benediction was offered by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle in the absence of Rev. Thomas H. Britton.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was called to order by the president at 1:15 P. M. The Rev. Clyde Fields, pastor of the Union (South.) Church, led the Song Service. The invocation was given by Rev. R. E. Talley, pastor of the Elm Avenue Church, Portsmouth.

The main address of the day was given by Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, pastor of the Christian Church, Durham, North Carolina. His message was a challenge and inspiration to all the members of the Association.

After the address the reports of the various committees were given.

Hon. S. T. Holland gave the Auditor's report:

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

This is to certify that we, your Auditing Committee, have audited the books of the Treasurer of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association, Mr. E. L. Rawles, and find the following:

Balance on hand December 4, 1951	$4,549.21
Memberships from churches and individuals for 1951	3,365.00
Total Receipts	$7,914.21
Total Disbursements as shown on Treasurer's Report	6,677.60
Balance on hand as of December 8, 1952 (which we certify is on deposit in the Farmers Bank, Windsor, Va.)	$1,236.61

MRS. W. V. LEATHERS,
S. T. HOLLAND,
Auditing Committee.

The report was adopted.

The report on Resolutions followed:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, the members of the Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

1. We express by rising vote, our appreciation and thanks to the pastor and the members of the Windsor Church for their warm welcome, their generous hospitality, and the delicious meal which they served.

2. We commend the officers of the Association for their services during the year and for arranging the informative and inspiring program for today.

3. We commend the pastors and churches, not only on the increase in the amount of money raised this year, but on the fact that at least three churches reported memberships this year which did not have memberships last year.

4. We recommend that pastors of churches not represented by memberships in the Association this year, make a special effort to enroll members for next year, our goal to be 100 per cent representation.

5. We commend all churches receiving aid from the Association for their reports showing progress and growth.

6. We commend the Little Creek Church for its rather unusual action in declining proffered aid last year.

7. We earnestly urge those present today not only to attend the meeting next year, but also to invite others to attend to witness the battle of the "Dollars."

8. We hereby express our appreciations of the splendid addresses delivered by Rev. Earl Farrell and Dr. Stanley C. Harrell.

9. We express our appreciation of the services of Mrs. Marvin Eley, Guest Organist for today, and to Mrs. Robert Gwaltney for her fine solo.

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,
REV. JAS. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
MR. C. D. WEST,
DR. H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Ch'm'n.*

The report was adopted.

The report on Place was given by Mrs. Frank Lewis. She reported that the Association had been cordially invited to meet with the Shelton Memorial Church in Portsmouth for the sixty-second annual session. It was

voted by the Association to accept the hospitality of the Shelton Memorial Church.

The report of the Committee on Plans was read by the Chairman, Dr. W. Millard Stevens, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS.

Last year the C. M. A. appropriated $600.00 to the Little Creek Church on Pastor's Salary. Soon after the appropriation was made the church found it possible to meet their requirements without the use of this money and released the appropriation and the $600.00 was not used. We commend the Little Creek Church and their faithful pastor, Rev. M. E. Taylor, for this fine progress.

We recommend the following appropriations:

1. To Bayview Church on pastor's salary, payable at the rate of $33.33 per month, $400.00.
2. To Hopewell Church on pastor's salary, payable at the rate of $25.00 per month, $300.00.
3. To Cypress Chapel Church for use on debt, payable at once, $500.00.
4. To Second Church, Norfolk, for use on building debts, payable at once, $800.00.
5. That $1,750.00 be added to the $750.00 in the "New Church Fund." We recommend that the officers of the C. M. A. be authorized to draw upon this fund during the year if an opportunity for the establishing of a new church should present itself, and such opportunity should seem promising to the officers of the C. M. A.

It is the conviction of the Plans Committee that the purpose of the C. M. A. should be reemphasized as that of establishing new churches and the assisting of needed churches in expanding their programs to meet the growing needs beyond their ability to pay for. We feel this should not include improvements to church grounds, parsonages, or normal building improvements.

D. N. VORE,
WESLEY HARRELL,
MILLS, E. GODWIN, JR.,
W. H. BAKER,
W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Chairman.*

The report on Plans was adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented, as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President—Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.
Vice-President—Rev. Earl T. Farrell.
Financial Secretary—Rev. R. E. Brittle.
Recording Secretary—Rev. Johnson L. Griffin.
Treasurer—Mr. E. L. Rawles.

DR. I. W. JOHNSON,
REV. M. E. TAYLOR.

The slate of officers for the year 1953 was adopted by the Association.

At the conclusion of the reports by the Committees there followed an informal discussion on the possibility of changing the time of meeting for the Association. After some discussion it was realized that the fall of the year seemed best suited for the Annual Meeting. After the discussion, the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday, December 8, 1953, at the Shelton Memorial Church, Portsmouth.

Rev. James Madren pronounced the benediction.

H. E. CRUTCHFIELD, *President.*
JOHNSON L. GRIFFIN, *Secretary.*

Minutes of Conference Missionary Association of the Eastern North Carolina Conference

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The fifth session of the C. M. A. was held at the close of the annual session of Conference at Mt. Auburn Church, with Rev. J. Frank Apple, president, presiding.

Mr. I. H. Vickery, treasurer, read the names of all the members and then those who had paid their dues during the year.

Mr. Apple stated that the C. M. A. had voted to pay $100.00 to Rev. E. M. Powell to see about reorganizing the work in Franklinton, N. C. Mr. Apple stated that Mr. Powell did some work in Franklinton, but was not successful in getting the work started there, so he would not accept any money for his services rendered.

Motion made that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that the C. M. A. turn over $800.00 to the Mission Board to be used on the new church in Fayetteville, N. C.

Mr. I. H. Vickery read the treasurer's report, stating that $33.00 was in the treasury. Motion made and carried that the report be adopted.

The same officers were reelected.

The C. M. A. adjourned to meet during the next conference session.

Rev. J. Frank Apple, *President.*
Margaret Alston, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 1—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Gaol
Antioch	E. J. Rohart	E. A. Showalter, R4, Harrisonburg	W. M. Nieswander, Harrisonburg	82					82	14	81	15	16
Bethel		Mrs. H. T. Hensley, R2, Elkton	K. B. Dofflemyer, R2, Elkton	211					211		170		
Bethlehem	Ralph M. Galt	Miss Ella Pickering, R1, Broadway	J. S. Sellers, R. 1, Broadway	83	11	16	1	5	94	17	109	29	19
Beulah	E. J. Rohart	Mrs. Joe Tibbins, Keezletown	(No Sunday School)	15				1	14				3
Concord	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Russell Smith, Timberville	R. L. Smith, Timberville	54	5	6	6	20	40	8	36		8
Dry Run	R. E. Newton	W. B. Burke, Waterlick	W. B. Burke, Waterlick	94	2	2			96	8	55	26	19
Joppa	R. E. Newton	Mrs. Ezylean Nicholson, Edinburg	(No Sunday School)	27	4	4		1	30				6
Leaksville	R. E. Newton	R. O. Rothgeb, R3, Luray	K. T. Rothgeb, R3, Luray	195	1	2	4	7	190	16	65	36	38
Linville	E. J. Rohart	Mrs. R. L. Smith, R. 2, Harrisonb,g	R. L. Smith, R. 2, Harrisonburg	97			1	1	96	12	100	24	19
Mayland	E. J. Rohart	Mrs. Florence Spitzer, Broadway	T. F. Stoner, R. 1, Broadway	44					44	9	44	20	9
Mt. Lebanon	R. E. Newton	R. W. Comer, R. 1, Shenandoah	Mrs. Ruth Kite, R. 1, Shenandoah	131	1	1	1	3	129	10	111	36	26
Mt. Olivet (G)		Miss Winona Morris, Dyke	Elphis Morris, Stanardsville	137	3	5		1	141	14	71	16	28
Mt. Olivet (R)		Miss Laura E. Lam, R2, Elkton	Jas. Sandridge, Port Republic	156	2	3	2	5	154	15	128	14	31
New Hope	E. J. Rohart	H. E. Liskey, R3, Harrisonburg	Joe Van Pelt, R. 3, Harrisonburg	59					59	8	56	9	12
Newport	R. E. Newton	C. W. Louderback, R1, Shenandoah	Kermit Kibler, R. 1, Stanley	194	17	17		1	210	14	147	25	42
Oak Dale (Asso.)	James E. Thomas	Robert Barr, Rig, W. Va.	Earl Barr, Rig, W. Va.	115	18	19	2	2	132	9	68		
Palmyra	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, R3, Edinburg	Woodrow Baker; R. 3,Edinburg	91	4	5		1	95	7	26		19
Timber Ridge	H. V. Harman	Walton E. Brill, Yellow Spg., W. Va.	L. R. Brill, Yellow Springs, W. Va.	241			3	4	237	14	82	30	47
Winchester	R. A. Whitten	Roy A. Larrick, 367 E. Piccadilly	Orville Hoover, 7 Morningside Dr.	379	10	12		7	384	38	210	50	77
Wissler's Chapel	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Nina Will, Quicksburg	Donald Green, Mt. Jackson	78				4	74	9	52		10
Wood's Chapel	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Austin Kipps, New Market	Ray Stroup, New Market	116	3	3	2	5	114	8	65	12	23
Totals				2,599	81	95	22	68	2,626	230	1,506	342	442

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2—FINANCE—VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
*Antioch	$ 220	$ 100	$ 85	$ 85	$ 29	$ 29	$ 78	$ 8	$ 5	$ 12	$ 81	$ 732	....	....	$142	$ 15	$ 78	$ 967	$ 916	$ 306	....	$ 1,222	$ 2,189	$ 10,000	....
Bethel	114	75	83	82	24	24	61	15	9	13	....	500	....	....	123	....	....	623	....	....	....	....	623	25,000	....
*Bethlehem	100	76	67	92	24	24	61	7	5	10	70	536	$ 12	$ 36	....	33	....	617	1,200	646	$ 16,000	17,846	18,463	23,000	....
*Beulah	13	13	6	6	2	3	5	2	1	1	8	60	....	....	....	....	....	60	75	....	....	75	135	2,000	....
*Concord	40	30	21	21	7	7	19	5	3	4	34	191	7	....	....	5	....	203	464	171	333	968	1,171	11,000	$ 275
Dry Run	22	27	33	15	11	10	23	6	4	2	2	155	....	....	17	....	....	172	367	59	527	953	1,125	10,000	....
*Joppa	16	16	9	9	3	3	9	3	1	2	13	84	....	....	....	....	....	84	175	....	50	225	309	2,000	....
*Leaksville	142	92	79	109	38	28	69	15	10	14	130	716	21	....	134	....	41	912	1,171	387	3,957	5,515	6,427	20,000	....
*Linville	140	110	82	90	28	28	73	15	10	14	119	709	....	....	138	....	....	847	800	126	782	1,708	2,555	15,000	300
Mayland	6	5	6	6	2	2	5	1	1	1	65	100	....	....	....	1	3	104	600	210	2,700	3,510	3,614	15,000	2,600
Mt. Lebanon	38	19	23	23	9	10	24	9	7	6	30	198	....	....	3	....	....	201	748	137	....	885	1,086	2,000	....
Mt. Olivet (G)	71	71	33	33	11	13	15	10	7	5	58	327	....	....	....	....	37	364	817	308	1,851	2,976	3,340	7,000	1,500
*Mt. Olivet (R)	40	30	24	24	9	9	23	10	8	5	79	261	....	....	28	....	21	310	797	527	1,120	2,444	2,754	10,000	....
*New Hope	51	45	33	33	12	12	28	5	3	4	42	268	....	....	48	....	....	316	458	114	56	628	944	5,000	....
*Newport	136	46	359	117	27	27	73	14	9	12	94	914	30	....	127	....	....	1,071	880	163	179	1,222	2,293	6,000	....
Oak Dale (Associate)	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	50	1,734	169	800	2,703	2,753	....	....
Palmyra	7	6	7	6	4	2	9	8	2	....	29	80	....	....	....	....	10	90	500	499	7	1,006	1,096	16,000	1,475
*Timber Ridge	111	91	66	66	22	22	59	19	12	12	99	579	....	10	....	....	....	589	545	1,112	....	1,657	2,246	20,000	....
*Winchester	195	495	168	117	72	68	197	28	18	20	187	1,565	15	150	199	....	300	2,229	3,000	807	1,200	5,007	7,236	75,000	....
*Wissler's Chapel	43	19	21	21	5	5	19	4	3	4	27	171	....	....	....	....	....	171	300	120	525	945	1,116	5,000	....
*Wood's Chapel	42	20	19	19	5	5	15	7	4	4	34	174	7	10	23	....	64	278	500	470	599	1,569	1,874	5,000	....
Totals	$1,547	$1,386	$1,224	$974	$334	$331	$865	$191	$122	$145	$1,201	$8,320	$ 92	$206	$982	$ 54	$604	$ 10,258	$ 16,047	$6,331	$ 30,686	$ 53,064	$ 63,322	$278,000	$6,150

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 3—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Antioch	Ellis N. Clark	J. H. Godwin, Windsor	Mr. Costin Cobb, Zuni	109	....	2	....	2	109	12	68	.....	22
Barretts	Jas. W. Madren	P. B. Barrett, Sedley	John Simms, Jr., Sedley	63	2	3	....	....	66	6	32	.....	13
Berea, Nansemond	*H. S. Hardcastle	Mrs. H. P. Harrell, Box 104, Driver	R. T. Bradford, R. 2, Suffolk	192	9	13	....	3	202	18	218	50	40
Bethlehem, Disp	John Gallo	John C. Tomko, Prince George	E. Bresko, 1638 Mt.Vernon, Ptrsbrg	119	5	5	5	14	110	10	68	22	22
Bethlehem, Nans	R. E. Brittle	W. E. White, 108 Chestnut, Suffolk	Edw. T. Johnson, R. 3, Suffolk	670	23	43	7	10	703	33	407	75	140
Burton's Grove	Jas. W. Madren	Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield	L. F. Logan, Wakefield	40	2	2	1	1	41	7	32	14	8
Centerville	J. E. McCauley	Mrs. F. W. Barlow, Disputanta	R. F. Livesay, Disputanta	64	....	....	....	4	60	9	34	10	12
Cypress Chapel	E. T. Farrell	Mrs. W. O. Jones, R. 1, Suffolk	Jas. Lassiter, 208 Grace St., Suffolk	410	2	9	8	8	411	22	224	86	82
Dendron	Jas. W. Madren	Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron	30	....	1	1	1	30	10	40	.....	6
Eure	R. E. Brittle	J. H. Lilly, Gatesville, N. C	T. A. Eure, Gatesville, N. C	300	3	8	....	10	298	9	133	55	60
Franklin	.....	Allen Doughty, 413 Chestnut St	J. M. Beale, R. 2, W. Franklin	394	11	15	2	8	401	22	257	48	80
Great Bridge, Berea	H. E. Crutchfield	Mrs. J. H. Lamonte, R. 3, Norfolk	D. W. McLain, Rt. 3, Norfolk	263	14	23	2	4	282	20	318	20	56
Holland	J. H. Lightbourne	J. R. Jones, Holland	Allen L. Allison, Holland	311	3	17	4	6	322	14	165	36	64
Holy Neck	Allen L. Hurdle	Miss Mildred Carter, R. 1, Holland	S. J. Felton, B. 112, Holland	336	10	14	3	9	341	44	268	39	68
Hopewell	E. F. Brickhouse	Mrs. Frank Sodomka, 106 S. 3d Ave	G. A. Robertson, 207 N. 15th Ave	139	2	4	1	4	139	11	53	8	28
Isle of Wight	Ellis N. Clark	Mrs. R. F. Whitley, Isle of Wight	S. Ray Turner, Isle of Wight	75	5	10	2	6	79	12	64	12	16
Johnson's Grove	.....	Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Sedley	.....	35	....	....	2	2	33	....	.....	.....	7
Liberty Spring	*Jesse H. Dollar	Mrs. J. C. Lynch, R1, B162, Suffolk	Jos. A. Savage, R. 1, Whaleyville	342	17	24	1	9	357	36	300	44	71
Mt. Carmel	Ellis N. Clark	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni	Fred Johnson, Zuni	217	1	3	4	8	212	22	208	60	44
Mt. Zion	I. W. Johnson	Mrs. Geo. W. Dixon, Eclipse	J. R. Dixon, Jr., Eclipse	51	....	....	....	....	51	13	78	.....	10
New Lebanon	J. E. McCauley	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon	Ollie V. Cockes, Elberon	52	....	....	....	....	52	7	32	.....	10
Newport News	A. Lanson Granger	Mrs. J. H. Duling, 1218 20th St	H. D. Stalnaker, 1046 22d St	546	5	22	1	21	547	32	342	.....	109
Norfolk: Bay View	J. L. Griffin	C. C. Mountcastle, 8526 Sturgis St	L. D. Albert, 9400 Sturgis St	127	4	14	....	11	130	10	130	40	26
Con. Chr. Temple	W. M. Stevens	L. W. Vaughan, Jr., 730 Deleware	C. E. Reynolds, Jr., 504 Burleigh	854	8	21	6	19	856	26	411	110	171
First	C. C. Thomas	V. E. Holloman, 805 W. Liberty St	Mrs. J. M. Harris, 201 Poplar Ave	170	12	16	4	7	179	15	130	25	36

Little Creek	M. E. Taylor	Mrs. W. B. Bowden, 3200 Shore Dr.	A. J. Scarborough, 3200 Shore Dr.	63	12	17	....	....	80	10	140	30	16
Rosemont	Melvin Dollar	Miss L. Halstead, 1011 Goodwin	John A. Halstead, R. 3, B 126	528	12	51	8	69	510	33	390	71	102
Second	J. E. Neese	L. P. Brown, 1404 Center Ave.	A. D. Craper, 854 W. 46th St.	170	4	17	1	10	177	13	147	16	35
Oak Grove	E. T. Farrell	John F. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.	N. R. Eason, Sunbury, N. C.	68	1	2	....	4	66	6	52	14	13
Oakland	*H. S. Hardcastle	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton	C. W. Darden, R. 4, Suffolk	452	8	17	4	26	443	13	356	60	89
Portsmouth:													
Elm Avenue	R. Eugene Tally	B. P. Deans, 107 Baldwin Ave.	R. B. Deans, 107 Baldwin Ave.	66	....	14	1	17	63	14	74	25	13
First	W. P. Smith	Harrell Byrd, 202 Arlington Place	W. W. Piland, 1716 Holliday St.	276	1	5	5	14	267	21	119	25	53
Shelton Memorial	Thos. H. Britton	W. F. Lawrence, 1724 Matthews Tr.	G. R. Kilham, 218 Webster Ave.	126	7	11	2	4	133	11	65	8	27
Richmond	R. C. Helfenstein	Mrs. G. R. Gravely, 4823 Coleman	L. L. Bond, 523 Granite Ave.	175	8	18	1	5	188	16	101	25	38
South Norfolk	O. D. Poythress	C. E. Hollowell, 1044 Chesapeake	T. R. Eason, 905 Bainbridge Bl.	597	26	34	5	30	601	56	534	225	120
Spring Hill	J. E. McCauley	H. E. Drewery, Jr., Wakefield	G. C. White, Waverly	75	....	....	....	....	75	8	50	12	15
Suffolk	Duane N. Vore	J. L. Byrd, 1008 Delaware Ave.	Floyd A. Turner, Suffolk	1,248	12	51	10	26	1,273	73	805	83	255
Sunbury	T. Fred Wright	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C.	J. H. Parker, Jr., Sunbury, N. C.	187	9	11	2	5	193	10	132	30	39
Union, Southampton	Clyde L. Fields	Miss Ruth Cobb, Box 123, Franklin	Norman Lankford, R2, Franklin	238	10	26	3	4	260	21	240	53	52
Union, Surry	J. M. Roberts	Frederick F. Huber, Dendron	G. S. Huber, Spring Grove	26	1	4	....	....	30	6	17	....	6
Wakefield	Jas. W. Madren	Wallace Brittle, RFD, Wakefield	R. M. Brittle, RFD	128	5	8	3	26	110	14	118	12	22
Waverly	J. E. McCauley	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly	R. H. Clarke, Waverly	201	3	4	4	5	200	15	165	....	40
Windsor	Ellis N. Clark	Miss M. V. Griffin, Windsor	S. T. Holland, Windsor	163	10	22	2	6	179	14	175	25	36
Totals				10,696	267	581	105	418	10,859	774	7,692	1,468	2,172

*I. W. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Conference Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Total Paid on Apportionment
Antioch	$ 60	$ 57	$ 33	$ 85	$ 22	$ 13	$ 46	$ 10	$ 5	$ 10	....	....	....	$ 341
*Barrett's	15	14	10	20	11	7	7	5	5	5	$ 5	$ 5	$ 2	111
*Berea, Nansemond	150	149	93	60	44	33	62	10	15	10	15	25	4	670
*Bethlehem, Disputanta	55	55	12	15	11	15	15	10	5	10	5	5	4	217
*Bethlehem, Nansemond	145	142	362	154	66	80	77	35	30	35	15	50	15	1,206
*Burton's Grove	15	14	16	17	11	8	15	2	5	2	5	5	1	116
*Centerville	15	14	10	15	10	5	7	4	5	4	5	5	2	101
*Cypress Chapel	145	156	151	115	44	47	68	22	15	22	15	50	11	861
*Dendron	30	30	123	19	10	7	7	2	3	2	3	2	1	238
Eure	50	50	50	50	10	10	42	15	10	15	....	....	....	302
*Franklin	348	374	141	245	45	80	154	22	15	22	15	75	12	1,548
*Great Bridge (Berea)	130	156	100	40	55	33	77	15	15	15	15	35	5	691
*Holland	300	250	555	250	58	70	184	28	10	28	10	75	12	1,830
*Holy Neck	110	100	162	140	45	45	112	20	10	20	10	25	9	808
*Hopewell	45	39	13	10	11	17	7	10	5	13	5	4	6	185
*Isle of Wight	40	47	30	75	11	7	30	5	10	5	10	10	2	282
*Johnson's Grove	20	20	15	10	11	7	7	5	5	5	5	3	2	115
*Liberty Spring	159	159	382	217	51	40	79	22	15	22	15	40	12	1,213
*Mt. Carmel	145	142	84	105	44	27	77	15	15	15	15	35	7	726
*Mount Zion	24	34	10	15	11	7	7	4	5	4	5	5	2	133
*New Lebanon	45	42	22	40	11	13	22	5	10	5	10	10	2	237
*Newport News	836	632	577	499	168	150	240	30	25	30	25	100	15	3,327
*Norfolk, Bay View	45	42	39	40	11	7	30	5	10	5	10	5	4	253
* Con. Christian Temple	1,040	1,040	383	913	132	157	550	80	35	80	35	100	31	4,576
First	33	78	172	60	5	50	10	10	10	....	10	45	9	492
* Little Creek	20	20	48	5	5	3	7	5	2	5	2	2	1	125
* Rosemont	555	730	820	480	90	81	245	30	25	30	25	80	14	3,205
Second	39	39	74	3	.....	26	20	....	....	....	10	30	3	244
Oak Grove	60	57	24	60	11	7	37	7	5	7	5	10	3	293
*Oakland	234	234	182	145	65	27	72	25	10	25	15	35	10	1,079
*Portsmouth, Elm Ave.	145	136	65	50	22	27	46	12	5	12	5	30	3	558
First	47	47	150	36	44	47	107	10	10	10	10	35	6	559
* Shelton Memorial	45	43	24	15	22	13	31	5	10	5	10	5	3	231
*Richmond, First	145	142	232	185	22	27	77	10	15	10	15	35	5	920
*South Norfolk	240	241	426	230	44	33	130	42	15	40	15	60	20	1,536
*Spring Hill	45	45	47	30	11	7	30	5	5	5	5	10	2	247
*Suffolk	960	960	955	960	166	201	583	100	40	90	40	300	43	5,398
*Sunbury	75	57	63	75	11	13	46	12	10	12	10	15	5	404
*Union, Southampton	85	85	72	75	11	13	37	10	20	10	20	15	5	458
*Union, Surry	28	28	89	20	11	7	7	3	5	3	5	5	2	213
*Wakefield	65	62	39	60	22	7	30	9	5	9	5	10	4	327
*Waverly	170	170	72	185	22	13	123	15	15	15	10	25	5	840
*Windsor	140	138	179	117	22	13	61	9	15	9	15	30	4	752
Totals	$7,098	$7,070	$7,106	$5,940	$1,509	$1,500	$3,621	$700	$505	$681	$485	$1,445	$308	$ 37,968

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
.....	.....	$ 100	.....	.....	$ 441	$ 600	$ 382	$ 433	$ 1,415	$ 1,856	$ 5,000	.....
$ 5	$ 5	15	.....	.....	136	171	296	.....	467	603	11,000	.....
.....	190	255	$ 95	$ 200	1,410	1,950	655	3,500	6,105	7,515	65,000	.....
.....	119	31	25	30	422	1,500	555	150	2,205	2,627	8,500	.....
.....	.....	569	115	117	2,007	3,600	1,942	4,732	10,274	12,281	30,000	.....
.....	15	40	10	20	201	251	75	146	472	673	9,000	.....
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	107	168	141	125	434	541	1,500	.....
.....	.....	325	70	266	1,522	2,850	1,498	6,895	11,243	12,765	42,500	.....
4	30	118	10	25	425	199	392	302	893	1,318	3,000	.....
.....	.....	107	.....	92	501	600	380	.....	980	1,481	2,500	.....
.....	394	535	90	.....	2,567	4,075	4,288	4,002	12,365	14,932	117,000	$ 450
42	263	123	150	429	1,698	3,323	2,779	.....	6,102	7,800	75,000	.....
47	330	274	95	222	2,798	3,625	2,682	1,423	7,730	10,528	105,000	2,500
.....	336	354	50	317	1,865	2,400	1,825	4,216	8,441	10,306	31,000	.....
.....	37	28	15	.....	265	1,823	452	373	2,648	2,913	1,500	.....
.....	15	90	.....	90	477	625	635	25	1,285	1,762	25,000	.....
.....	40	70	.....	140	365	200	20	.....	220	585	4,000	.....
25	350	474	500	1,035	3,597	3,000	3,294	6,711	13,005	16,602	75,000	.....
7	85	219	15	135	1,186	900	864	536	2,300	3,486	10,000	.....
.....	51	55	.....	231	470	675	682	.....	1,357	1,827	8,000	.....
.....	.....	40	.....	40	317	175	65	180	420	737	3,000	.....
138	.....	398	445	953	5,261	3,900	6,502	6,965	17,366	22,627	158,500	9,580
11	.....	129	95	113	601	2,650	887	12,955	16,492	17,093	44,000	20,750
.....	854	616	205	2,039	8,290	5,250	16,001	4,879	26,130	34,420	575,000	7,700
.....	7	130	.....	118	747	3,380	1,982	208	5,570	6,317	56,000	.....
15	.....	94	80	414	728	2,250	577	1,700	4,527	5,255	12,000	.....
50	600	448	250	701	5,254	3,553	5,125	1,571	10,249	15,503	92,500	.....
.....	30	102	45	27	448	3,900	1,105	15,165	20,170	20,618	65,000	27,800
.....	.....	77	.....	22	392	240	86	1,087	1,413	1,805	5,800	.....
60	445	286	180	419	2,469	1,950	2,675	793	5,418	7,887	77,000	.....
.....	.....	60	.....	583	1,201	2,980	1,167	376	4,323	5,524	25,000	.....
.....	25	206	100	330	1,220	2,075	3,960	5,662	11,697	12,917	87,000	.....
.....	.....	102	45	25	403	1,816	2,183	1,623	5,622	6,025	26,000	.....
10	155	116	.....	.....	1,201	3,655	4,207	1,309	9,171	10,372	282,000	.....
.....	104	244	135	251	2,269	4,735	11,175	10,000	25,910	28,179	153,000	.....
.....	.....	36	.....	15	298	180	176	165	521	819	5,000	.....
.....	291	1,256	180	.....	7,125	5,200	16,585	22,700	44,483	51,610	332,000	.....
.....	183	161	50	141	939	2,600	1,520	665	4,785	5,724	38,000	1,800
10	105	196	125	.....	894	3,600	1,099	4,178	8,877	9,771	47,000	11,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	30	243	180	34	.....	214	457	4,000	.....
15	93	107	.....	.....	542	875	355	.....	1,230	1,772	15,000	.....
44	200	103	110	148	1,445	2,220	2,025	795	5,040	6,485	36,800	.....
21	160	206	60	35	1,234	1,000	2,035	6,774	9,809	11,043	77,000	16,600
$ 510	$5,511	$8,895	$3,345	$9,753	$ 65,982	$ 90,699	$105,363	$133,319	$329,380	$395,362	$2,946,100	$ 98,180

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Amelia	John P. Littiken	Mrs. Leon Stephens, R. 2, Clayton	Howard Godwin, R. 1, Clayton	185	8	10	1	4	191	9	138	40	33
Antioch	W. A. Rich	H. L. Wall, Elams	J. S. Whitby, Elam	112				5	107	9	72	28	22
Auburn	W. C. Ferrell	Mrs. Gladys Allen, R. 2, Raleigh	J. C. Ford, Garner	163	2	2	2	8	157	19	116		32
Bethel	J. Lee Johnson			22					22				4
Bethlehem	W. A. Rich	Miss Myrtle Gray, Littleton	Luther Walker, R. 2, Littleton	78					78				16
Beulah	Carl Wallace	Mrs. D. Privett, R. 1, Youngsville	Wm. Barham, R2, Wake Forest	322	12	17	2	170	169	10	175		63
Catawba Springs				244					244				49
Chapel Hill	R. L. Jackson	Mrs. A. D. Hoft, Basnight Lane	Joe Lyon, , Basnight Lane	83	8	35		8	110	17	93	27	16
Christian Chapel	G. M. Tally	R. B. Dickins, Corinth	Edwin Dickens, Moncure	130	1	18	1	4	144	5	47		25
Christian Light	G. M. Tally	Mrs. B. Arnold, R. 2, Fuquay Spgs	Crayton Seuter, R2, Fuquay Spgs.	195	3	7	1	3	199	9	135		38
Clayton	J. L. Atkins (Bpt)	Mrs. Edith Lee Clayton	S. Y. Barbour, Clayton	41	7	12		2	51	15	132		8
Damascus		Mrs. Paul Long, R. 3, Chapel Hill	W. W. Crabtree, R3, Chapel Hill	59	1	7	1	1	65	7	37		14
Ebenezer	W. C. Farrell	Jas. A. King, R3, Durham	F. G. King, Hope V., Durham	225	11	15		3	237	12	165		43
Fayetteville		Mrs. F. L. Ledwell, 905 Chester Cl	R. L. Brunner, Fort Bragg	12	18	23			35	8	88		3
Fuller's Chapel	E. M. Carter	Margaret Edwards, R. 4, Henderson	T. T. Coghill, R. 4, Henderson	148	9	17	1	2	163	17	135	25	28
Good Hope	E. M. Carter	Margaret Davis, R. 1, Youngsville	Vivian Davis, RFD, Youngsville	100		2		2	100	6	41		20
Hayes Chapel	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. Hettie Sandy, Box 213, Garner	Robert Goss, R. 3, Raleigh	74	2	6		4	76	6	74		14
Henderson	J. Frank Apple	Mrs. J. A. Hall, Box 205, Henderson	J. Lee Lassiter, Jr., Henderson	311	10	31		7	335	13	219	65	62
Hope Mills		L. R. Kyle, B. 36, Hope Mills	L. R. Kyle, B. 36, Hope Mills	56				2	54	6	49		9
Lebanon	G. M. Tally	Mrs. Challie Holt, R2, Sanford	Charlie Holt, R. 2, Sanford	49			1	5	44	4	43		11
Lee's Chapel	F. P. Register	Miss Mary Gunter, R. 5, Sanford	Mrs. Paul Thomas, R5, Sanford	62	3	4			66	6	70		15
Liberty, Vance	W. A. Grissom	Margaret Alston, R. 1, Henderson	K. G. Weldon, R. 1, Henderson	422	14	18	1	62	378	24	313		85
Martha's Chapel		Mrs. H. T. Wilson, R. 3, Apex	Ed. Currie, 722 Arnet, Durham	67	1	1	1	5	63	6	55		13
Moore Union	G. M. Tally	Mrs. J. W. Lett, R. 7, Sanford	N. G. Burns, R. 2, Sanford	106		1	1	2	105	8	79		22
Morrisville	E. M. Powell	Mrs. G. J. Green, Morrisville	J. F. Hilliard, Cary	52	1	3	1	5	50	8	43		10

Mt. Auburn	W. A. Rich	Mrs. Eugene Wilson, Manson	William B. Ellington, Manson	152	5	6	1	6	152	12	100	19	31
Mt. Carmel	W. A. Rich	Mrs. R. L. Pearce, R. 1, Franklinton	Clifton Blackley, R1, Franklinton	80	6	47	1	1	126	9	70		24
Mt. Gilead	W. A. Rich	Mrs. J. E. Jones, Box 101, Louisburg	Jimmy Strickland, R2, Louisburg	164		5	2	4	165	8	70		33
Mt. Hermon	E. M. Carter	Mrs. Guy Smith, RFD, Garner	Guy Smith, R1, Garner	114	3	7		1	120	10	98		22
New Elam	R. T. Grissom	Lola Jones, R. 1, New Hill	Earl Gardner, R1, New Hill	276	1	6	1	6	276	15	100		54
New Hope	Carl Wallace	Mrs. J. C. Hoyle, R. 1, Louisburg	Odell Arnold, R. 1, Louisburg	250	5	14	4	69	195	15	163		54
Niagara	E. C. Brady	Miss Irene Tener, B. 38, Niagara		41			1	2	39				8
Oak Level	E. M. Powell	J. W. Hudson, RFD, Youngsville	Albert Perry, RFD, Wake Forest	134					134	9	76	18	27
O'Kelly's Chapel		Miss Doris Darnell, R3, Durham	B. H. Ellis, R3, Durham	23	2	2		3	22	8	20		5
Piney Plain	G. M. Tally	Mrs. J. P. Stephens, R. 4, Raleigh	Will Patrick, R4, Raleigh	88	1	4	2	2	90	8	120		16
Pleasant Hill	G. M. Tally	D. O. Neighbors, Benson	Z. B. Byrd, Jr., Benson	53				7	46	8	50	15	10
Pleasant Union				139					*139				28
Plymouth	John P. Littiken	Mrs. C. C. Ferrell, R3, Raleigh	Leroy Sealey, R3, Raleigh	109	3	6	1	8	107	18	149		22
Pope's Chapel	E. M. Carter	Miss Ethel Holmes, R1, Franklinton	Henry F. Holmes, Franklinton	102			1	2	100	7	86		21
Raleigh	W. L. Parker	Miss Susie Allen, 612 W. Lane St.	R. A. King, 2108 Buckingham Rd.	251	1	27	4	70	208	17	90	25	52
Sanford	W. B. O'Neill	Mrs. R. M. Cline, Box 133, Sanford	R. M. Cline, Box 133, Sanford	232	8	10	1	4	238	18	195		45
Shallow Well	W. L. Wood	Mrs. Jack Campbell, R7, Sanford	W. E. Cox, Jonesboro H., Sanford	260	18	59	4	17	302	14	309	100	51
Six Forks	Inactive			23					*23				5
Southern Pines		Mrs. Vita Gorman, B. 231, S. Pines	T. E. Shockley, 310 N. Page St.	312	6	37	1	8	341	17	147		59
Turner's Chapel	W. L. Wood	Mrs. D. V. Wicker, R. 5, Sanford	J. W. Wicker, Colon	124	6	6		5	125	10	191	41	23
Wake Chapel	F. P. Register	Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Fuquay Springs	C. W. Russom, Fuquay Springs	300	31	56	1	7	349	20	274	65	58
Wentworth	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. J. W. Hines, R. 3, Raleigh	B. C. Brown, R3, Raleigh	130	4	7	3	5	132	8	91		25
Youngsville	E. M. Carter	W. G. Scarborough, Youngsville	Mrs. E. M. Carter, Youngsville	45	3	3			48	9	44		9
Totals				6,720	214	531	42	531	6,720	464	4,765	468	1,337

*Figures of last available report.

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment
*Amelia	$ 32	$ 32	$ 22	$ 22	$ 7	$ 7	$ 25	$ 8	$ 4	$ 3	$ 31	$ 193
*Antioch	15	15	17	17	7	7	17	8	4	2	24	133
Auburn	56	56	109	.....	.....	14	17	....	....	....	14	266
Bethel	5	5	59	.....	5	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	74
*Bethlehem	13	13	6	6	3	3	16	6	2	2	15	85
*Beulah	30	30	123	18	7	7	25	22	2	3	52	319
Catawba Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....
*Chapel Hill	80	80	34	34	11	11	33	4	6	5	23	321
Christian Chapel	9	8	22	5	.....	.....	18	....	....	4	.....	66
Christian Light	10	10	50	.....	.....	.....	20	....	....	....	40	130
Clayton	35	35	50	33	11	11	29	10	4	....	.....	218
*Damascus	35	36	31	33	9	9	29	7	2	4	18	213
Ebenezer	19	19	68	.....	.....	11	.....	....	....	....	25	142
*Fayetteville	26	25	45	25	15	15	25	2	3	5	12	198
*Fuller's Chapel	50	50	33	33	9	9	33	9	5	4	30	265
*Good Hope	25	25	18	18	7	7	36	8	3	3	20	170
Hayes Chapel	11	25	18	.....	.....	7	20	5	3	....	16	105
*Henderson	63	63	231	108	20	52	48	19	9	10	61	684
*Hope Mills	33	33	28	28	9	9	20	3	2	3	12	180
*Lebanon	20	20	18	18	5	5	18	3	2	2	14	125
*Lee's Chapel	20	20	19	19	5	5	18	5	3	3	16	133
*Liberty, Vance	177	177	402	220	45	45	111	28	20	23	101	1,349
Martha's Chapel	20	20	12	12	7	7	18	6	2	2	5	111
*Moore Union	30	30	12	12	9	9	23	8	4	4	23	164
*Morrisville	54	48	117	25	9	9	15	4	5	3	16	305
*Mt. Auburn	76	76	253	91	30	30	51	8	8	9	36	668
*Mt. Carmel	30	30	21	21	7	7	23	8	3	3	23	176
*Mt. Gilead	56	56	34	34	14	14	39	14	6	5	36	308
Mt. Hermon	15	25	34	17	7	7	10	3	2	....	24	144
New Elam	43	43	211	40	9	25	40	9	3	....	50	473
*New Hope	38	38	52	30	11	11	29	18	5	4	49	285
*Niagara	13	13	10	10	4	4	12	2	7	2	19	96
*Oak Level	39	39	32	31	11	11	29	8	5	4	29	238
O'Kelly's Chapel	8	8	10	5	1	1	12	2	1	2	.....	50
Piney Plain	.....	.....	78	15	.....	28	.....	....	....	....	.....	121
*Pleasant Hill	30	30	39	39	9	9	23	7	4	4	15	209
Pleasant Union	.....	.....	290	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	290
*Plymouth	30	30	39	39	9	9	23	11	4	4	24	222
*Pope's Chapel	38	38	36	36	9	10	29	8	5	4	24	237
Raleigh	57	57	.....	.....	23	23	.....	25	....	....	58	243
*Sanford	73	73	190	82	24	14	44	16	7	9	47	579
*Shallow Well	56	56	153	54	14	14	40	14	6	7	49	463
Six Forks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	.....	.....
*Southern Pines	63	63	63	63	14	14	34	16	8	10	57	405
*Turner's Chapel	42	42	79	42	9	9	23	6	....	5	26	281
*Wake Chapel	176	176	2,155	220	20	20	70	18	15	18	68	2,956
Wentworth	5	5	92	.....	.....	11	.....	....	....	....	16	129
*Youngsville	20	20	39	15	9	1	19	4	3	4	19	161
Totals	$1,776	$1,793	$5,454	$1,570	$ 434	$ 539	$1,164	$362	$177	$179	$1,235	$ 14,683

*Indicates apportionment paid in full

Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
$ 21	$ 42	$ 15	.....	$ 137	$ 407	$ 780	$ 495	$ 4,245	$ 5,520	$ 5,928	$ 5,650	.....
4	.....	.....	.....	130	267	350	200	305	855	1,122	4,000	$ 145
.....	.....	9	.....	14	289	500	297	.....	797	1,086	5,600	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	2,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	200	48	864	1,112	1,197	2,364	85
13	25	35	.....	90	482	1,100	438	1,367	2,905	3,387	15,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000	.....
.....	83	67	.....	175	646	3,285	1,699	8,895	13,879	14,525	35,725	725
.....	.....	.....	.....	59	125	133	104	708	945	1,070	12,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	70	200	554	520	75	1,149	1,349	20,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218	1,250	490	.....	1,740	1,958	15,000	.....
.....	20	27	.....	.....	260	600	294	348	1,242	1,502	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	746	888	600	474	3,000	4,074	4,962	40,000	.....
.....	33	.....	.....	.....	231	1,993	1,757	1,592	5,342	5,573	38,000	1,484
20	.....	71	.....	50	406	300	651	50	1,001	1,407	16,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	400	70	20	490	660	4,000	.....
14	.....	.....	.....	13	132	340	119	1,087	1,546	1,678	7,000	.....
.....	297	208	$ 35	26	1,250	3,000	3,310	1,456	7,766	9,016	44,000	4,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180	600	250	.....	850	1,030	3,800	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	150	36	.....	186	311	2,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	133	329	675	2,067	3,071	3,204	5,000	.....
.....	.....	339	10	64	1,762	1,400	1,524	.....	2,924	4,686	50,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111	241	76	.....	317	428	3,500	.....
13	.....	.....	.....	.....	177	200	25	.....	225	402	5,000	.....
6	33	3	.....	35	382	240	193	1,088	1,521	1,903	4,500	.....
30	150	98	.....	.....	946	705	627	707	2,039	2,985	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	176	250	105	118	473	649	6,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	367	675	600	193	1,583	2,376	3,051	10,000	.....
6	.....	.....	.....	6	156	300	175	.....	475	631	4,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	250	723	400	255	.....	655	1,378	7,000	.....
.....	20	46	.....	66	416	1,100	645	5,838	7,583	8,000	18,000	1,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	5,000	.....
.....	22	35	.....	150	444	400	353	2,204	2,957	3,401	12,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	3,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	121	372	.....	.....	372	493	3,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	209	225	35	119	379	588	6,200	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	290	.....	.....	.....	.....	290	3,500	.....
.....	.....	6	.....	.....	228	600	437	655	1,692	1,920	6,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	237	400	277	.....	677	914	6,000	.....
.....	.....	252	.....	.....	495	2,681	4,492	.....	7,173	7,668	125,000	.....
15	232	204	5	.....	1,035	3,600	4,536	2,250	10,386	11,421	105,000	12,600
.....	43	156	.....	135	797	1,500	1,464	681	3,645	4,442	50,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	.....
26	45	117	.....	.....	592	4,260	3,132	62,174	69,566	70,158	150,000	.....
.....	.....	68	.....	130	479	1,500	541	71	2,112	2,591	20,000	.....
.....	.....	160	.....	60	3,176	1,725	2,526	9,070	13,321	16,497	60,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	111	240	500	383	46	929	1,169	6,000	.....
.....	30	35	10	32	268	414	136	80	630	898	9,500	.....
$ 168	$1,075	$1,951	$ 60	$2,916	$ 20,852	$ 40,077	$ 34,057	$112,763	$186,897	$207,749	998,839	20,039

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 7—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Albemarle	Silas Madren	Martin Deese, 535 Salisbury Ave.	Dolan Tolbert, 508 Depot Ave.	268	7	15	1	11	272	18	229		54
Antioch (C.)	L. W. Burgess	Mrs. Virginia Russ, Bear Creek	W. C. Thomas, Bear Creek	129	3	4	1	4	129	9	104		25
Antioch (R.)	Winfred Bray	L. W. Hayes, R. 1, Seagrove	Yancy Hayes, R. 1, Ramseur	113	3	6	1	9	110	8	160		22
Asheboro	F. C. Lester	Mrs. Orva Brown, 967 Straight St.	W. H. Hughes, 1013 Sunset Dr.	144	5	8			152	32	232	15	30
Bailey's Grove		Mrs. Pearl Allred, Asheboro	Ed. Hill, 175 Valley Rd., Asheboro	25		2	1	1	26	7			4
Bennett	J. Q. Pugh	L. M. Murray, Bennett	L. M. Murray, Bennett	28		2			30	7	27		6
Big Oak		D. E. Cole, R. 1, Biscoe	C. L. Cole, R. 1, Biscoe	65				7	58				12
Biscoe		Edgar Freeman, Biscoe	Clarence Coggins, R. 1, Biscoe	21					21	7	42		4
Brown's Chapel	H. V. Cox	Mrs. Viola Key, R. 2, Robbins	Clarence Moore, R. 2, Robbins	207	10	13	1	17	203	9	156	28	40
Center Grove	L. W. Burgess	Mrs. J. B. Shaver, R. 4, Sanford	David Riddle, Oakland, Sanford	8					8	6	25		2
Ether	R. L. Clapp	Mrs. May Alene Freeman, Ether	H. J. Cochrane, Ether	80	2	2	1	3	79	7	45	20	15
Flint Hill (M.)		Thomas Bailey, R. 1, Biscoe	Paul Britt, R. 1, Biscoe	64					64	4	45	20	13
Flint Hill (R.)		Miss Lola Farlow, R. 1, Sophia	Harvey Lanier, R. 1, Sophia	40					40	9	40	10	8
Glendon													
Grace's Chapel	Bill Simmons	Bluford T. Coe, R. 1, Sanford	Frank Fouchee, R. 1, Sanford	207		2	2	34	175	13	214	60	35
Hank's Chapel	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. Glenn White, R. 1, Pittsboro	Ralph Riddle, R1, B. 86 Pittsboro	215	11	25	1	3	237	20	170	40	47
High Point	G. H. Veazey	Mrs. C. A. Crump, 300 Ridgecrest	D. J. Cates, 316 Phillips St.	74	1	6			80	17	150	40	16
Liberty	L. M. Presnell	Mrs. Jack Shoffner, Liberty	Jack Shoffner, Liberty	98	2	2			100	12	136	30	20
Mt. Pleasant	G. M. Tally	L. D. Brooks, R. 2, Vass	E. M. Marks, R. 2, Cameron	75	6	10			85	9			17
Needham's Grove	M. L. Fogleman	Mrs. Graham Hussay, R. 1, Steeds	Newton Owens, R. 1, Steeds	155		2		2	155				31
New Center	H. V. Cox	Mrs. A. L. Davis, Seagrove	Elbert Beck, Seagrove	95			8	40	55	6	81		11
Parks Cross Roads				212					212				42
Patterson's Grove				23					23				
Pleasant Cross	M. L. Fogleman	Mrs. J. Q. Pugh, R1, 5362, Asheboro	Victor Smith, R. 3, Asheboro	61	5	6		3	64	7	84	20	13
Pleasant Grove	Bill Simmons	Mrs. J. M. Brown, R. 1, Bennett	Albert Brown, R. 1, Bennett	353	9	9	3	6	356	11	207		71

Pleasant Hill	M. A. Pollard	Mrs. Erwin Wrenn, R. 2, Snow Cmp.	O. T. Wicker, R. 2, Liberty	257	10	13	....	4	266	12	331	60	53
Pleasant Ridge	Max Vestal	Mrs. Robt. Burgess, R. 1, Ramseur	Theodore Cox, R. 1, Ramseur	190	....	2	1	7	185	....	153	35	17
Pleasant Union	B. H. Lowdermilk	Mrs. I. L. McDowell, R1, Asheboro	Lewis Trotter, R. 3, Asheboro	40	2	2	....	....	42	8	130	30	8
Providence Chapel	J. U. Fogleman	H. B. J. Moore, R. 2, Robbins	.....	20	....	....	....	9	11	....	.....	.....	2
Ramseur	Gene Thomas	Elvin Cox, Ramseur	Roy Smith, R1, B456-a, Asheboro	118	....	1	1	6	113	15	120	.....	23
Randleman	Winfred Bray	W. G. Lamb, B. 95, Randleman	Vance Dorsett, R. 1, Randleman	54	....	....	....	2	52	9	90	.....	11
Seagrove	R. L. Clapp	Mrs. Shelton Graves, Seagrove	W. W. Thomas, Seagrove	92	2	6	....	....	98	10	106	.....	20
Shady Grove	R. L. Clapp	Mrs. W. T. Shankle, Ether	Bill Floyd, Box 508, Troy	90	1	1	....	1	90	8	65	.....	15
Shiloh	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. N. L. Rumley, R1, Seagrove	K. F. Moore, R. 1, Ramseur	107	1	1	1	5	103	8	90	25	21
Smithwood	J. T. Bowers	T. B. Lowe, R. 1, Liberty	E. D. Smith, R. 3, Liberty	175	8	16	3	62	129	15	165	.....	25
Sophia	.....	Mrs. Edith Rankin, Archdale	L. Waynick, 915 Sp. Garden, Gr'b.	69	....	1	....	1	69	9	70	10	13
Spoon's Chapel	Max Vestal	Mrs. C. F. Saunders, Jr., Asheboro	C. F. Saunders, Jr., Asheboro	38	....	....	....	....	38	11	56	.....	7
Union Grove	Winfred Bray	J. Allen Coble, R. 4, Asheboro	Jim Lawson, R. 4, Asheboro	108	....	....	1	2	106	....	.....	.....	21
Zion	W. C. Farrell	Phil Thompson, R. 5, Sanford	.....	147	13	18	1	4	161	9	90	.....	33
Totals	.....	.....	.....	4,269	101	175	28	247	4,197	332	3,613	383	810

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment
*Albemarle	$ 100	$ 100	$ 75	$ 75	$ 20	$ 20	$ 100	$ 25	$ 5	$ 10	$ 40	$ 570
Antioch (C)	.....	.....	95	.....	.....	10	25	....	....	....	20	150
*Antioch (R)	42	42	114	10	10	5	10	5	5	5	5	253
*Asheboro	100	125	50	50	20	20	30	10	5	10	40	460
Bailey's Grove	8	8	13	.....	3	.....	.....	....	....	....	18	50
Bennett	10	10	10	11	6	6	15	2	2	2	15	89
Big Oak	50	50	44	18	24	20	25	4	5	3	25	268
Biscoe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....
*Brown's Chapel	40	40	34	20	10	10	40	20	5	5	15	239
*Center Grove	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	55
*Ether	45	45	40	30	10	10	40	5	5	5	25	260
Flint Hill (M)	25	25	20	20	3	10	.....	....	5	....	10	118
*Flint Hill (R)	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	5	15	160
Glendon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....
*Grace's Chapel	60	60	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	220
*Hank's Chapel	125	125	331	60	20	20	40	20	5	10	34	790
*High Point	40	40	54	30	10	10	30	10	5	5	25	259
*Liberty	50	50	37	35	10	10	30	10	5	10	25	272
Mt. Pleasant	28	28	20	28	11	8	24	4	4	8	12	175
Needham's Grove	35	35	20	20	10	29	33	10	5	10	....	207
New Center	8	8	6	7	3	3	7	3	2	3	20	70
Parks Cross Roads	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....
Patterson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	.....
*Pleasant Cross	25	25	93	20	10	10	25	5	5	10	15	243
*Pleasant Grove	50	50	35	35	20	20	30	30	5	10	35	320
*Pleasant Hill	125	125	362	75	35	40	70	25	5	10	100	972
*Pleasant Ridge	120	120	65	65	20	20	60	15	5	10	65	565
*Pleasant Union	25	25	228	20	10	10	25	5	5	10	25	388
Providence Chapel	15	15	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	....	75
Ramseur	30	130	111	60	20	56	40	15	5	10	30	507
Randleman	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....	35
*Seagrove	40	40	40	40	20	20	40	10	5	10	35	300
*Shady Grove	25	25	20	20	5	5	20	10	5	5	10	150
Shiloh	.....	.....	108	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	17	125
Smithwood	50	50	55	.....	.....	10	.....	....	....	....	30	195
*Sophia	37	37	20	20	20	10	30	5	5	10	30	224
*Spoon's Chapel	25	25	20	20	10	10	20	5	5	5	15	160
*Union Grove	27	25	24	20	10	23	25	10	5	5	30	204
*Zion	39	25	436	44	10	10	25	15	5	5	15	629
Totals	$1,429	$1,538	$2,745	$ 888	$ 380	$ 455	$ 889	$292	$138	$201	$801	$ 9,756

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Woman's Missionary Conference	Christian Missionary Association	Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Amount Paid on Pastor's Salary	Miscellaneous Current Expenses Paid by Church or Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Buildings	Total Raised on All Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
$ 11	$ 33	$ 120	.....	$ 112	$ 846	$ 2,500	$ 2,195	$ 919	$ 5,614	$ 6,460	$ 31,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	95	245	300	128	700	1,128	1,373	1,500	.....
8	.....	.....	.....	.....	261	625	212	700	1,537	1,798	22,000	.....
12	145	214	.....	212	1,043	4,004	2,119	5,338	11,461	12,504	68,000	$ 12,250
5	.....	.....	.....	31	86	506	98	.....	604	690	3,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	83	172	200	189	.....	389	561	2,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	260	528	381	291	.....	672	1,200	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	138	377	555	700	.....	1,255	1,632	4,500	.....
.....	8	.....	.....	89	152	96	79	.....	175	327	2,500	.....
19	.....	.....	.....	57	336	576	156	.....	732	1,068	3,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	106	224	220	124	830	1,174	1,398	1,500	.....
.....	.....	29	.....	149	338	240	91	54	385	723	5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	75	295	793	491	589	1,873	2,168	10,000	.....
.....	220	228	$ 180	300	1,718	1,500	1,153	4,308	6,961	8,679	35,000	.....
37	26	50	20	66	458	2,215	618	1,366	4,199	4,657	20,000	.....
.....	80	10	7	305	674	1,200	413	1,201	2,814	3,488	15,000	1,365
13	.....	10	.....	63	261	395	180	157	732	993	3,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	35	29	271	914	.....	.....	914	1,185	6,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	191	261	438	316	.....	754	1,015	2,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	232	475	413	205	2,897	3,515	3,990	5,000	.....
.....	.....	34	.....	182	536	1,000	276	.....	1,276	1,812	22,000	.....
41	.....	60	12	62	1,147	2,250	4,788	.....	7,038	8,185	40,000	.....
17	12	111	5	273	983	1,272	1,283	9,519	12,074	13,057	40,000	3,930
.....	.....	.....	.....	421	809	992	593	377	1,962	2,771	2,500	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	87	162	446	334	.....	780	942	2,000	375
.....	12	60	.....	287	866	595	287	108	990	1,856	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	960	190	1,410	2,560	2,595	35,000	5,000
.....	.....	.....	2	103	405	1,253	182	596	2,031	2,436	20,000	.....
.....	4	.....	.....	108	262	551	200	44	795	1,056	1,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	449	320	75	844	969	15,000	.....
.....	.....	10	.....	50	255	876	530	148	1,554	1,809	20,000	.....
5	4	.....	.....	100	333	1,300	174	281	1,755	2,088	13,000	.....
.....	.....	35	.....	210	405	371	72	62	505	910	2,000	.....
.....	.....	42	.....	.....	246	.....	.....	.....	.....	246	15,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	94	723	600	94	1,601	2,295	3,018	10,000	.....
$ 168	$ 544	$1,013	$ 261	$4,570	$ 16,313	$ 30,986	$ 19,081	$ 33,280	$ 83,347	$ 99,659	$ 510,000	$ 22,920

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 9—OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP—NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Apple's Chapel	J. R. Lackey	Mrs. R. E. Apple, Whitsett	Roy Kernodle, Brown Summit	474	2	5	1	7	472	16	292	78	95
Asheville	F. E. Ratzell	Mrs. L. C. Merchant, 94 Marlborough	Mrs. R. A. Campbell, 128 Pearson	85	8	21	....	6	100	6	41	22	20
Belew Creek	C. O. Koon	Mrs. H. C. Murray, Belew Creek	D. Dunlap, R. 2, Walnut Cove	98	....	....	2	3	95	13	89	25	19
Berea	H. L. Johnson	Mrs. G. H. Pritchett, R. 1, Elon Col.	Clarence McIntyre, R2, Elon Col.	119	....	....	2	4	115	8	112	20	24
Bethel	T. D. Sutton	Mrs. Lewis King, R. 2, Burlington	Tom King, 423 Hawthorne, Blgton	147	5	5	1	10	142	8	85	56	35
Bethlehem	G. C. Crutchfield	Clyde Iseley, R. 4, Burlington	E. M. Patterson, R1, Elon College	364	11	14	2	6	372	19	233	.....	74
Beverly Hills	W. W. Snyder	Mrs. Frances Buckner, 533 Baldwin	C. R. Buckner, 533 Baldwin Rd.	15	9	45	1	2	58	10	116	12	12
Burlington, First	H. E. Robinson	R. W. Morton, Jr., 1028 Edgewood	Horace Freeman, 1013 Tarleton	851	9	27	6	14	864	52	618	100	170
Lake View	J. G. Truitt, Jr.	Miss Shirley Cobb, R2, Burlington	J. A. Rascoe, R2, Burlington	.....	9	21	....	....	21	8	64	20	4
Carolina	B. A. Leebrick	Mrs. Kathleen Trollinger, R3, B'lgn.	J. W. Trollinger, Sr., R. 3, Blgntn.	87	8	9	....	6	90	9	165	.....	18
Concord	T. D. Sutton	Mrs. W. R. Simmons, R2, Elon Col.	H. P. Terrell, R1, Elon College	119	....	....	1	6	113	6	70	.....	23
Danville	M. T. Sorrell	Miss Peggy R. Blanks, 158 3d Ave.	Clarence Willis, Norwood Dr.	730	18	180	5	19	891	55	980	140	196
Durham	S. C. Harrell	J. O. Kimrey, 807 W. Club Blvd.	C. C. Hulholland, Jr., 110 Maynard	454	4	18	2	72	400	38	226	46	80
Elk Spur	W. R. Wolfe	Mrs. Roy Lunsford	Arlys Ayers, R. 2, Fancy Gap, Va.	76	....	....	....	....	76	5	80	15	14
Elon College	H. P. Bozarth	Mrs. W. L. Williams, Jr., Elon Col.	J. Mark McAdams, Elon College	291	7	15	2	12	294	30	211	125	58
Gibsonville	J. L. Stanley	Miss Wanda Hicks, R1, Gibsonville	H. O. Wyrick, Gibsonville	213	5	7	1	6	214	11	168	.....	58
Graham, Prov.-Mem.	F. E. Reynolds	Mrs. Ella A. Holt, 403 N. Main St.	Willard White, 642 N. Church St.	89	4	4	2	3	90	11	125	.....	19
Greensboro: Calvary	T. F. Bowers	Mrs. Minerva Parks, 353 W. Lee St.	H. P. Hammond, 3001 Sp. Garden	165	8	12	....	12	165	18	174	.....	.....
First	W. E. Wisseman	Mrs. Don Darnell, 536 Overbrook	J. H. Rountree, 515 Woodlawn Av.	472	22	65	7	31	506	53	186	60	101
Palm Street	M. V. Welch	Mrs. P. R. Hall, 3710 High Point Rd.	Robt. Bennett, 202 Macy St.	192	17	22	1	6	208	18	197	.....	39
Happy Home	T. F. Bowers	Miss Clarice Gunn, R. 3, Reidsville	R. J. Hudson, Irvin St., Reidsville	317	12	13	4	11	319	9	109	30	64
Haw River	.....	Mrs. E. N. Byrd, Haw River	H. Terrell, 913 King, Burlington	140	16	24	1	9	155	11	121	.....	31
Hebron	M. W. Andes	Kent Rice, Nelson, Va.	Carl Chandler, Nelson, Va.	84	10	12	2	7	89	6	62	22	18
Hines Chapel	G. J. Rice	L. E. Smith, R. 1, McLeansville	E. W. Kellam, R1, McLeansville	141	10	10	1	3	148	13	163	.....	29
Hopedale	J. H. Loman	Miss Jerry Hicks, R1, Gibsonville	L. Rudd, 1718 Piedmont, Burling.	125	4	11	....	2	134	9	273	104	27

Hendersonville - C. M. Hayes - Hilary G. Neyhbo 3, 703 Jackson, W.

Reidsville
Mrs. W. E. Jones, R. 4 Robert Moore

Howard's Chapel													
Ingram	W. T. Madren	E. M. Walton, 726 Marshall, S. Boston	J. K. Landrum, Vernon Hill, Va.	193	4	5	3	11	187	11	80		39
Kallam Grove	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. R. McCallum, R. 2, Madison	I. A. Washburn, R. 1, Summerfield	78	4	4		1	81	7	58		16
Lebanon	M. W. Andes	T. J. Earp, Milton	R. S. Taylor, Semora	138	1	4	3	3	139	9	50		28
Liberty	W. T. Madren	C. S. Wilkins, Lennig, Va.	C. S. Wilkins, Lennig, Va.	216	12	14	2	2	228	12	120		46
Long's Chapel	E. J. Clawson	W. J. Fonville, R. 5, Burlington	H. L. Foster, R1, Mebane	128	1	1	1	1	128	12	98		26
Mebane	R. C. Mason, Jr.	Miss Lillie D. Fowler, Mebane	Lloyd Moore, Mebane	20			1	1	19	9	25		4
Monticello	G. J. Rice	Mrs. J. W. Kernodle, Brown Summit	J. E. Cumbie, Brown Summit	106	5	8		4	110	11	100	20	22
Mt. Bethel	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. Benton Farrar, R2, Stokesdale	Martin Barham, R. 2, Stokesdale	71	5	7			78	8	52	20	17
Mt. Zion	T. D. Sutton	Miss Lillian Sharpe, R3, Mebane	Fred Reitzel, R. 5, Burlington	163	4	4	1	11	156	7	34	30	21
New Lebanon	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. J. I. Sharpe, R4, Reidsville	J. I. Sharpe, R. 4, Reidsville	214	7	7		22	199	10	159		40
Pfafftown	W. J. Andes	Mrs. H. O. Cline, Pfafftown	James Cohn, Pfafftown	45	1	3	1	1	47	17	67		9
Pleasant Grove	W. T. Madren	Nannie B. Farmer, Vernon Hill, Va.	C. L. Blackstock, Vernon Hill, Va.	254			1	6	248	10	80		51
Pleasant Ridge	W. E. Wisseman	H. B. Nelson, Box 1072, Greensboro	K. W. Robinson, Summerfield	61			2	2	59	17	58		12
Reidsville	T. G. Humphries	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 717 Lawsonville	Chas. McKinney, 807 Lawsonville	634	53	70	4	14	690	40	435		138
Rocky Ford	W. R. Wolfe	Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.	Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.	75					75	6	69		15
Salem Chapel	C. O. Koon	Selma Marshall, R. 2, Walnut Cove	A. J. Gerry, Walnut Cove	120		1	1	2	119	8	37	18	25
Shallow Ford	R. M. Petersen	Kate F. Selden, R. 2, Elon College	J. C. Matkins, R4, Burlington	250		7	2	8	249	25	210		51
Tryon, Cg. C. of C.	O. H. White	Miss Eunice C. Kirtland, Tryon	J. L. Brown, Tryon	286	1	17	4	9	294	13	138	104	58
Union (N. C.)	K. D. Register	Mrs. F. Chandler, 329 Carden St. B.	P. N. Thompson, Jr., R3, Blg'ton	324	8	11	3	7	328	27	211	45	66
Union (Va.)	M. W. Andes	R. A. Dunkley, Virgilina, Va.	A. R. Seat, Virgilina, Va.	475	13	22	7	10	487	10	153		97
Winston-Salem	W. J. Andes	E. M. Whitman, 1023 S. Hawthorne	W. L. Padget, 1234 E. 24th St.	100	2	15		1	114	12	86	25	23
Zion	Fred H. Wrenn	Mrs. M. C. Pickard, R4, Burlington	M. C. Pickard, R4, Burlington	15		1			16	5	30	8	4
Totals				9,814	319	741	80	373	10,182	744	7,486	1,145	2,035

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Superannuation	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Conference Fund	Total Paid on Apportionment
*Apple's Chapel	$ 165	$ 140	$ 156	$ 135	$ 44	$ 43	$ 120	$ 34	$ 14	$ 23	$ 84	$ 958
Asheville	37	52	25	27	8	8	21	8	10	4	21	221
*Belew Creek	64	43	29	46	18	22	61	9	8	12	27	339
*Berea	70	49	90	46	19	13	61	10	8	7	29	402
Bethel	47	47	71	50	10	13	20	10	4	....	30	302
*Bethlehem	173	140	127	141	41	40	114	27	12	21	68	904
*Burlington, Beverly Hills	72	15	18	15	70	5	15	3	3	4	7	227
First	†1,040	530	2,956	607	156	313	365	64	....	....	197	6,228
Lake View	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Carolina	44	20	25	27	14	13	53	6	7	6	23	238
Concord	43	47	75	20	18	13	33	9	8	5	15	286
Danville	128	123	21	22	10	24	33	21	5	13	18	418
*Durham	672	635	512	535	139	168	347	35	38	79	131	3,291
*Elk Spur	24	10	12	11	7	3	25	2	4	2	17	117
*Elon College	467	435	246	427	97	94	271	35	27	49	97	2,245
*Gibsonville	81	304	80	61	20	36	70	17	9	14	54	746
*Graham-Providence Mem.	40	17	25	23	14	7	28	6	6	4	24	194
Greensboro, Calvary	13	13	101	10	4	4	10	3	3	3	.....	164
*First	1,578	545	639	534	95	101	331	36	30	53	118	4,060
*Palm Street	162	158	153	115	27	24	62	21	8	13	40	783
*Happy Home	138	113	153	109	41	38	95	22	12	20	63	804
*Haw River	131	100	92	107	27	26	77	13	12	14	38	637
*Hebron	67	43	32	49	14	13	36	9	8	7	25	303
*Hines Chapel	84	84	59	96	20	27	51	10	9	14	34	488
*Hopedale	81	61	157	32	14	11	36	8	7	6	26	439
Howard's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Ingram	172	144	149	149	40	34	103	15	15	18	53	892
*Kallam Grove	47	27	18	30	14	11	28	7	7	6	23	218
*Lebanon	71	87	192	55	16	13	53	11	8	7	32	545
*Liberty	71	47	38	55	19	13	53	16	8	7	42	369
*Long's Chapel	91	67	57	70	20	19	61	13	9	10	32	449
*Mebane	13	7	89	21	14	7	10	2	5	4	11	183
*Monticello	50	27	56	30	15	11	44	7	7	6	27	280
*Mt. Bethel	74	74	71	67	16	16	39	5	5	8	8	383
*Mt. Zion	88	66	110	63	22	16	69	13	8	8	15	478
*New Lebanon	121	99	86	97	27	24	69	15	12	13	50	673
*Pfafftown	34	13	49	18	14	8	28	2	6	4	16	192
*Pleasant Grove	104	84	71	79	29	30	77	21	10	16	51	572
*Pleasant Ridge	77	71	24	46	16	8	35	4	7	4	23	315
*Reidsville	228	‡2,534	814	194	34	54	147	44	19	28	118	4,214
*Rocky Ford	24	10	12	14	7	3	25	2	4	2	16	119
*Salem Chapel	50	30	24	36	14	8	53	10	6	4	28	263
*Shallow Ford	131	107	99	80	32	22	89	16	10	12	13	611
*Tryon, C'gl Ch. of Christ	144	438	110	187	35	27	89	16	12	14	14	1,086
*Union (N. C.)	121	90	82	97	44	24	98	26	20	13	80	695
*Union (Va.)	159	114	104	130	35	34	89	35	12	18	79	809
*Winston-Salem, United	90	45	30	43	26	20	47	10	12	7	35	365
*Zion	10	10	5	5	2	3	10	2	3	2	7	59
Totals	$7,391	$7,915	$8,144	$4,811	$1,418	$1,464	$3,651	$710	$457	$584	$1,959	$ 38,504

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.
†Includes special Home Missions for Beverly Hills project.
‡Includes special Foreign Mission projects.

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.....	$ 70	$ 169	$ 25	$ 306	$ 1,528	$ 2,400	$ 945	$ 16,012	$ 19,357	$ 20,885	$ 49,000	$ 9,000
.....	27	80	.....	.....	328	3,453	2,571	2,004	8,028	8,356	31,500	.....
$ 8	.....	36	5	.....	388	1,000	322	64	1,386	1,774	16,000	.....
21	14	50	15	236	738	1,008	834	1,895	3,737	4,475	6,000	.....
15	.....	42	20	.....	379	800	1,147	1,652	3,599	3,978	34,000	.....
.....	.....	10	.....	.....	914	1,680	2,093	7,800	11,573	12,487	100,000	15,000
10	.....	10	.....	117	364	3,300	557	1,505	5,362	5,726	36,000	.....
75	376	1,466	50	1,100	9,295	4,400	14,831	32,878	52,109	61,404	445,000	72,000
.....	.....	.....	18	19	37	100	30	48	178	215	2,000	.....
.....	6	20	10	.....	274	1,955	103	2,000	4,658	4,932	14,000	.....
.....	20	39	20	.....	365	840	432	.....	1,272	1,637	52,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	4,050	4,468	4,000	5,150	1,500	10,650	15,118	175,000	.....
.....	.....	498	15	.....	3,804	4,200	4,839	7,260	16,299	20,103	130,000	3,000
.....	.....	.....	.....	5	122	275	67	140	482	604	5,000	.....
7	290	568	30	110	3,250	4,000	2,700	800	7,500	10,750	35,000	3,500
.....	.....	50	5	244	1,045	1,560	1,350	2,669	5,579	6,624	35,000	3,449
.....	87	.....	28	.....	309	1,500	1,120	114	2,734	3,043	35,000	.....
.....	.....	10	.....	.....	174	1,600	1,580	1,275	4,455	4,629	30,000	3,000
109	.....	712	10	367	5,258	4,160	8,061	225,429	237,650	242,908	318,000	90,000
20	63	183	15	685	1,749	4,160	1,011	6,520	11,691	13,440	73,000	12,454
.....	.....	115	10	147	1,076	2,600	992	1,353	4,945	6,021	37,000	.....
10	150	65	5	.....	867	2,455	4,252	2,710	9,417	10,284	37,000	.....
11	.....	20	.....	15	349	450	237	503	1,190	1,539	4,000	.....
.....	.....	175	45	567	1,275	1,369	741	3,645	5,755	7,030	21,500	410
.....	.....	80	.....	.....	519	2,600	447	.....	3,047	3,566	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,500	.....
.....	150	160	.....	10	1,212	810	504	1,357	2,671	3,883	31,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218	600	235	230	1,065	1,283	10,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	545	500	51	7,794	8,345	8,890	40,000	11,767
.....	.....	20	5	139	533	500	294	1,057	1,851	2,384	8,000	.....
.....	.....	60	15	15	539	1,800	652	350	2,802	3,341	13,200	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	15	198	363	91	.....	454	652	6,000	.....
.....	70	130	.....	.....	480	1,500	585	.....	1,785	2,265	3,000	.....
.....	.....	25	.....	35	443	800	246	81	1,127	1,570	5,000	.....
20	.....	50	.....	.....	548	850	202	2,000	3,052	3,600	12,000	.....
25	.....	72	.....	300	1,010	1,200	615	432	2,247	3,257	35,000	.....
14	45	.....	10	85	346	525	115	833	1,473	1,819	5,000	.....
17	10	89	.....	110	798	370	173	1,419	1,962	2,760	20,000	.....
15	.....	104	.....	.....	434	600	691	542	1,833	2,267	15,000	.....
.....	.....	423	.....	373	5,010	4,500	8,940	3,033	16,473	21,483	100,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	300	103	.....	403	522	5,000	.....
.....	.....	62	.....	.....	325	1,002	272	107	1,381	1,706	8,000	.....
26	.....	41	5	343	1,026	2,510	1,175	1,143	4,828	5,854	25,500	.....
183	.....	150	.....	631	2,050	4,500	5,295	10,854	20,649	22,699	125,000	8,500
.....	340	197	40	100	1,372	3,000	1,883	26,705	31,588	32,961	30,000	.....
.....	110	115	20	249	1,303	1,817	1,647	2,203	5,667	6,970	30,000	800
.....	100	81	10	63	619	2,880	2,086	2,045	7,011	7,630	37,500	.....
6	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	244	191	49	484	549	10,000	.....
$ 592	$1,929	$6,177	$ 431	$10,436	$ 58,069	$ 86,736	$ 83,059	$382,010	$551,805	$601,874	$2,307,700	$232,880

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 11—SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCE	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations	Christian Sun Goal
Virginia Valley Central	2,599	81	95	22	68	2,626	230	1,506	342	442
Eastern Virginia	10,696	267	581	105	418	10,859	774	7,692	1,468	2,172
Eastern North Carolina	6,720	214	531	42	531	6,720	464	4,765	468	1,337
Western North Carolina	4,269	101	175	28	247	4,197	332	3,613	383	810
North Carolina and Virginia	9,814	319	741	80	373	10,182	744	7,486	1,145	2,035
Totals	34,098	982	2,123	277	1,637	34,584	2,544	25,062	3,806	6,796

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 12—FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONFERENCE	Paid on Convention Home Missions	Convention Foreign Missions; Relief and Reconstruction	Raised for Christian Orphanage	Raised for Elon College	Raised for Christian Education	Raised for Superanuation	Paid on Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues for General Council	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun Fund	Paid on Conference Fund	Paid on Conference Missions	Total Paid on Apportionment
Virginia Valley Central	$ 1,547	$ 1,386	$ 1,224	$ 974	$ 334	$ 331	$ 865	$ 191	$ 122	$ 145	$ 1,201	*	$ 8,320
Eastern Virginia	7,098	7,070	7,106	5,940	1,509	1,500	3,621	700	505	681	485	$ *1,753	37,968
Eastern North Carolina	1,776	1,793	5,454	1,570	434	539	1,164	362	177	179	1,235	*	14,683
Western North Carolina	1,429	1,538	2,745	888	380	455	889	292	138	201	801	*	9,756
North Carolina and Virginia	7,391	7,915	8,144	4,811	1,418	1,464	3,651	710	457	584	1,959	*	38,504
Totals	$ 19,241	$ 19,702	$ 24,673	$ 14,183	$ †4,075	$ 4,289	$ 10,190	$ 2,255	$ 1,399	$ 1,790	$ 5,681	$ 1,753	$ 109,231

CONFERENCE	Christmas Fund for Retired Ministers	Sustaining Fund for Elon College	Raised by Woman's Missionary Conf.	Raised by Christian Miss. Association	For Other Missions and Benevolences	Total for Missions and Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Paid on Misc. Current Expenses by Church and Auxiliaries	Paid on Debt and Bldg. Improvement	Total Raised on Local Expenses	Grand Total Raised for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Church Property
Virginia Valley Central	$ 92	$ 206	$ 982	$ 54	$ 604	$ 10,258	$ 16,047	$ 6,331	$ 30,686	$ 63,064	$ $63,322	$ 278,000	$ 6,150
Eastern Virginia	510	5,511	8,895	3,345	9,753	65,982	90,699	105,363	133,319	329,381	395,363	2,946,100	98,180
Eastern North Carolina	168	1,074	1,951	60	2,916	20,852	40,077	34,057	112,763	186,897	207,749	998,839	20,039
Western North Carolina	168	544	1,013	261	4,570	16,312	30,986	19,081	33,280	83,347	99,659	510,000	22,920
North Carolina and Virginia	592	1,929	6,177	431	10,436	58,069	86,736	83,059	382,010	551,805	609,874	2,307,700	232,880
Totals	$1,530	$9,264	$‡19,018	$ 4,151	$ 28,279	$171,473	$264,545	$247,891	$692,058	$1,204,494	$1,375,967	$7,040,639	$380,169

*Includes $308 raised by Eastern Virginia for Council of Churches; other Conferences support Conferen ce Home Missions and Council of Churches through Conference Fund.

†In addition to Apportionment Funds, Board of Christian Education received $2,054.83 from S. S. Conventions.

‡Figures taken from reports of Women's Conference Treasurers.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 13—THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Convention	Appt'd by Conference	Paid by Churches
Convention Home Missions	Virginia Valley	$ 1,500	$ 1,500	$ 1,547
	Eastern Virginia	6,500	6,500	7,098
	Eastern North Carolina	2,000	2,024	1,776
	Western North Carolina	1,500	1,645	1,429
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	6,030	7,391
	Total	$ 17,500	$ 17,699	$ 19,241
Convention Foreign Missions	Virginia Valley	$ 1,500	$ 1,069	$ 1,386
	Eastern Virginia	6,500	6,696	7,070
	Eastern North Carolina	2,000	2,024	1,793
	Western North Carolina	1,500	1,670	1,538
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	6,016	7,915
	Total	$ 17,500	$ 17,475	$ 19,702
Christian Orphanage	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 960	$ 1,224
	Eastern Virginia	4,800	4,856	7,106
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,111	5,454
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,140	2,745
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	6,023	8,144
	Total	$ 15,000	$ 15,090	$ 24,673
Elon College	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 981	$ 974
	Eastern Virginia	6,000	6,005	5,940
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,111	1,570
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,145	888
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,800	4,829	4,811
	Total	$ 15,000	$ 15,071	$ 14,183
Christian Education	Virginia Valley	$ 330	$ 330	$ 334
	Eastern Virginia	1,470	1,470	1,509
	Eastern North Carolina	535	536	434
	Western North Carolina	330	485	380
	North Carolina and Virginia	1,335	1,356	1,418
	Total	$ 4,000	$ 4,177	$ 4,075
Superannuation	Virginia Valley	$ 330	$ 330	$ 331
	Eastern Virginia	1,470	1,485	1,500
	Eastern North Carolina	535	551	539
	Western North Carolina	330	475	455
	North Carolina and Virginia	1,335	1,344	1,464
	Total	$ 4,000	$ 4,185	$ 4,289
Convention Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 875	$ 875	$ 865
	Eastern Virginia	3,775	3,774	3,621
	Eastern North Carolina	1,475	1,500	1,164
	Western North Carolina	1,100	1,090	889
	North Carolina and Virginia	3,775	3,793	3,651
	Total	$ 11,000	$ 11,032	$ 10,190
Per Capita Dues for The General Council—Approximately 8 cents per Member	Virginia Valley	$ 191	$ 193	$ 191
	Eastern Virginia	862	724	700
	Eastern North Carolina	430	466	362
	Western North Carolina	293	415	292
	North Carolina and Virginia	765	766	710
	Total	$ 2,541	$ 2,564	$ 2,255
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 125	$ 126	$ 122
	Eastern Virginia	500	500	505
	Eastern North Carolina	225	239	177
	Western North Carolina	150	190	138
	North Carolina and Virginia	500	522	457
	Total	$ 1,500	$ 1,577	$ 1,399
Christian Sun Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 150	$ 150	$ 145
	Eastern Virginia	700	710	681
	Eastern North Carolina	250	255	179
	Western North Carolina	200	190	201
	North Carolina and Virginia	700	707	584
	Total	$ 2,000	$ 2,012	$ 1,790
Grand Total		$ 90,041	$ 90,882	$101,797

NOTE.—The Sustaining Fund for Elon College amounted to $9,264, making a total of $111,061.

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	The Southern Convention	
President	Rev. W. Millard Stevens	301 W. 34th St., Norfolk, Va.
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President	Mr. K. B. Dofflemeyer	Elkton, Va.
Vice-President	Rev. R. E. Newton	Route 3, Luray, Va.
Secretary	Mr. Clarence A. Phillips	Broadway, Va.
Treasurer	Mr. Owen W. Andes	Park View, Harrisonburg, Va.
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President	Rev. W. W. Snyder	721 N. Church St., Burlington, N. C.
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President	Mrs. W. B. Williams	1253 24th St., Newport News, Va.
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Secretary	Miss Louise McLeod	Elon College, N. C.
Treasurer	Miss Meryle Mauldin	Elon College. N. C.

Ministerial Directory

Name and Address	Conference Membership	Churches Served during 1952-53, or Other Status
Ministers in Full Standing		
Allred, C. Fred, Rt. 1, Summerfield, N. C.	NCVA	Kallam Grove, Mt. Bethel, New Lebanon.
Andes, Mark W., Virgilina, Va.	NCVA	Hebron, Lebanon, Union (Va.)
Andes, William J., 637 S. Sunset Drive, Winston-Salem, N. C.	NCVA	Winston-Salem, Pfafftown.
Apple, J. Frank, 427 Rowland St., Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Henderson, Teacher.
*Bowden, Daniel J., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Dean, Elon College.
Bowers, Thurman F., Route 4, Box 132, Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Calvary (Greensboro), Happy Home.
Bozarth, Howard P., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Elon College Community.
Brady, E. Carl, Box 26, Robbins, N. C.	WNC	Niagara, Teacher.
Brickhouse, Ernest F., Gen. Del. Hopewell, Va.	EVA	Hopewell.
Brittle, R. E., Route 1, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (N), Eure.
Britton, Thomas H., 1057 Leckie St., Portsmouth, Va.	EVA	Shelton Memorial.
*Brooks, Arthur C., Asheville Boys School, Asheville, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher and Chaplain.
Carnes, Harvey L. 414 N. High St., Franklin, Va.	.....	Franklin, Johnson's Grove.
Carter, Emory M., Youngsville, N. C.	ENC	Fuller's Chapel, Good Hope, Mt. Hermon, Pope's Chapel, Youngsville.
Clapp, Rosser Lee, Seagrove, N. C.	WNC	Ether, Seagrove, Shady Grove.
Clark, Ellis N., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Antioch, Isle of Wight, Mt. Carmel, Windsor.
Cox, H. Vance, Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Brown's Chapel, New Center; Business.
*Crawford, Van T., Box 242, Coral Gables, Fla.	EVA	
Crutchfield, Gaither C., Rout 4, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Bethlehem.
Crutchfield, Henry E., Route 1, Hickory, Va.	EVA	Berea (Great Bridge).
Dollar, Jesse H., Rt. 1, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Liberty Spring.
Dollar, Melvin, 3507 Bainbridge Blvd., South Norfolk 6, Va.	EVA	Rosemont.
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Farrell, Earl T., Cypress Chapel, Va.	EVA	Cypress Chapel, Oak Grove
Farrell, W. Clay, Rt. 5, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Auburn, Ebenezer, Garner (Hayes Chapel), Wentworth, Zion.
Fields, Clyde L., Hunterdale, Franklin, Va.	EVA	Union (Southampton).
*Fisher, Park W., Box 183, Sanford, N. C.	WNC	Retired.
Fogleman, James U., Route 6, Burlington, N. C.	WNC	Providence Chapel; Business.
*Forbes, Robert G., U. S. Air Force	EVA	Chaplain, U. S. Air Force.
*Fuller, Walter B., 272 Franklin St., Harrisonburg, Va.	VVA	Business.

Galt, Ralph M., Rt. 1, New Market, Va.	VVA	Bethlehem, Concord, Palmyra, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel.
Granger, A. Lanson, Jr., 2308 Roanoke Ave., Newport News, Va.	EVA	Newport News.
Graves, John S., c|o First Christian Church, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Minister of Christian Education of First Church.
*Green, Thomas J., High Falls, N. C.	WNC	Retired.
Griffin, Johnson L., 1411 Fisherman's Rd., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Bay View.
Grissom, Raymond T., Pittsboro, N. C.	ENC	Hank's Chapel, New Elam, Shiloh.
Grissom, William A., Rt. 1, Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Liberty (Vance).
Hardcastle, Howard S., Chuckatuck, Va.	EVA	Berea (Nansemond), Oakland.
Harman, Henry V., High View, W. Va.	VVA	Timber Ridge, and Pastor-at-Large of Valley Conference.
Harrell, Stanley C., 1010 W. Markham Ave., Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Durham.
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Hurdle, Allen L., Holland, Va.	NCVA	Holy Neck.
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Johnson, I. W., 201 Linden Ave., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Mt. Zion. Emeritus, Beare (Nans.), Liberty Spring, Oakland.
Johnson, J. Lee, Fuquay Springs, N. C.	ENC	Bethel.
*Jones, Elwood W., Homewood, Apartments, Baltimore 18, Md.	EVA	Retired.
*Key, Carl R., 1421 Ruffin St., Durham, N. C.	NCVA	Social Work (CROP).
Koon, Clyde O., Belew Creek, N. C.	NCVA	Belew Creek, Salem Chapel.
*Lankford, G. Otis, Elon College, N. C.	WNC	Retired.
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Lightbourne, James H., Jr., Holland, Va.	EVA	Holland.
*Lindner, Kenneth M., 708 Pilot Ave., Fayetteville, N. C.	ENC	U. S. Army Chaplain.
Lowdermilk, B. H., Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Union.
*Lucas, A. L., Route 3, Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Business.
McCauley, Joseph E., Waverly, Va.	EVA	Centerville, New Lebanon, Spring Hill, Waverly, Teacher.
Madren, James W., Wakefield, Va.	EVA	Barrett's, Burton's Grove, Dendron, Wakefield.
Madren, Silas E., 338 Concord Road, Albemarle, N. C.	VVA	Albemarle—Effective 4-1-53.
Madren, Weldon T., Vernon Hill, Va.	NCVA	Ingram, Liberty (Va.), Pleasant Grove.
*Marr, S. Wade, Security Bank Bldg., Raleigh, N. C.	ENC	Business.
*Morgan, Wm. H., Appalachian State College, Boone, N. C.	NCVA	Teacher.
*Mueller, Robert C. H., Somers, Wisc.	NCVA	Congregational Church.
*Murchison, J. Victor, Winston-Salem, N. C.	EVA	Friends Church.
*Neese, J. L., Bradenton Trailer Park, Bradenton, Fla.	NCVA	Retired.
Neese, J. Everette, 6112, Granby St., Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Second Church.

*Newman, Nathaniel G., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Retired.
Newton, R. E., Rt. 3, Luray, Va.	VVA	Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Mt. Lebanon, Newport.
O'Neill, Will B., Box 242, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Sanford.
Parker, William L., The United Church, Raleigh, N. C.	ENC	United Church.
*Pearce, George A., Franklin, Va.	EVA	Business.
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Petersen, Richard M., Rt. 2, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Shallow Ford.
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Pollard, Marvin A., Rt. 2r Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Pleasant Hill.
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Presnell, Lacy M., Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Liberty, Business.
Pugh, John Q., Rt. 1, Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Bennett, Business.
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Register, Kenneth D., Rt. 2, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Union (N. C.)
Reynolds, Ferris E., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Graham, Elon College Faculty.
Roberts, Jesse M., Windsor, Va.	EVA	Union (Surry), Business.
*Robinson, Allyn P.	ENC	Conference of Christians and Jews.
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Vore, Duane N., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Suffolk.
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Welch, Mack V., 1612 Buffalo St., Greensboro, N. C.	NCVA	Palm Street.
White, Orville H., Tryon, N. C.	NCVA	Congregational Church of Christ.
Whitten, Robert A., Winchester, Va.	VVA	Winchester.
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Wisseman, William E., 315 N. Edgeworth St., Greensboro, N. C. ..	NCVA	Greensboro First, Pleasant Ridge.
Wolfe, William R., Fancy Gap, Va.	NCVA	Carroll County Mission.
Wolfe, (Mrs.) Alida B., Fancy Gap, Va.	NCVA	Carroll County Mission.
Wood, William L., Jonesboro Heights, Sanford, N. C.	ENC	Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel.
*Woodruff, Robert T., Box 372, Jacksonville, Fla.	NCVA	Business.
Wright, T. Fred, Sunbury, N. C.	EVA	Damascus.

Ministers with Local Conference Ordination Standing.

Bowers, John T., Rt. 4, Box 567, Greensboro, N. C.	WNC	Smithwood.
Burgess, Lunnie W., Ramseur, N. C.	WNC	Antioch (C), Center Grove.
Clawson, Edgar J., Rt. 5, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Long's Chapel; Student.
Fogleman, Martin L., Rt. 2, Liberty, N. C.	WNC	Needham's Grove, Pleasant Cross.
Gallo, John, Rt. 2, Disputanta, Va.	EVA	Bethlehem (Disputanta).
Lackey,, John Robert, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Apple's Chapel; Student Duke Divinity School.
*Nash, Durant D., Box 791, Hopewell, Va.	EVA	Business.
Rice, G. Julius, Rt. 1, McLeansville, N. C.	NCVA	Hines Chapel, Monticello
Rich, William A., 209 Broadway, Durham, N. C.	ENC	Antioch, Bethlehem, Mt. Auburn, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Gilead; Student Duke Divinity School.
Stanley, J. Lester, RFD, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Gibsonville, Business.
Taylor, Morris E., 3200 Shore Drive, Norfolk, Va.	EVA	Little Creek.

Ordained Ministers of Other Denominations Serving Southern Convention

Atkins, J. L. (Baptist), Fuquay Springs, N. C.	.....	Clayton.
Loman, Harold (Pilgrim Holiness), Rt. 5, Greensboro, N. C.	.....	Hopedale.

Licentiates

*Bage, Joseph S., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
Bray, Winfred, RFD, Asheboro, N. C.	WNC	Antioch (R), Randleman, Union Grove; Student, Elon College.
*Brill, Walton E., Lehew, W. Va.	VVA	Business.
Brown, Avery, Rt. 1, Seagrove, N. C.	WNC	
*Chang, Timothy S., c|o Poultry Dept., Ohio State U., Columbus, Ohio	NCVA	Student, Ohio State University.
*Gleason, H. Allan Jr., 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford 5, Conn.	EVA	Faculty, Kennedy School of Missions.
Johnson, Herman L., Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Berea; Student, Elon College.
*Matthews, A. Warren, 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford, Conn.	NCVA	Student, Hartford Seminary.
McLean, Robert A., Buies Creek, N. C.	ENC	Supply.
*Painter, Page, Elon College, N. C.	VVA	Student, Elon College.
*Scott, Wm. T., Jr., Cornwall, Conn.	NCVA	Congregational Church; Student Yale Divinity School.
Simmons, Lewis Bill, Rt. 1, Bennett, N. C.	WNC	Grace's Chapel, Pleasant Grove.
*Tolley, William P., 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford, Conn.	NCVA	Student, Hartford Seminary.
Truitt, John G., Jr., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Lakeview; Student, Elon College.
*Twiddy, C. Baxter, Jr., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	
*Underwood, I. T., Yanceville, N. C.	NCVA	Business.
*Varga, Paul, 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford 5, Conn.	EVA	Student, Hartford Seminary.

Members of the Biblical Class

*Ayscue, Reuben, Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
*Barron, George, Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
*Brady, Gail, Bennett, N. C.	WNC	
*Cooke, Richard, Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Student, Elon College.
*Dixon, Carl J., Benson, N. C.	ENC	
*Harper, Douglas, Albemarle, N. C.	WNC	
Littikin, John P., Elon College, N. C.	ENC	Supply at Amelia and Plymouth; Student, Elon College.
*Madren, Thomas W., Elon College, N. C.	VVA	Student, Elon College.
Mason, Randall C., Box 4064, Duke Station, Durham, N. C.	NJ	Mebane; Student Duke University.
*Nelson, Sammy, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.
Thomas, Gene H. 1603 W. Davis St., Burlington, N. C.	WNC	Supply at Ramseur; Student, Elon College.
Wrenn, Fred H., RFD, Burlington, N. C.	NCVA	Supply at Zion; Student, Elon College.
*Young, Curtis, Elon College, N. C.	NCVA	Student, Elon College.

*Indicates not engaged as pastor of church or churches within the Convention.
†Dual membership, VVA and W. Va. Christian Conference.

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BETHLEHEM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TENTH LEGION, VIRGINIA
March 26, 1953

MORNING SESSION

The twenty-third mid-year session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference met with the Bethlehem Christian Church. The session was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the President, Mr. K. B. Dofflemyer. The Worship Service was conducted by Rev. E. J. Rohart.

The following enrollment was completed:

Ministers: Ralph M. Galt, Henry V. Harman, Silas E. Madren, R. E. Newton, E. J. Rohart, Robert A. Whitten, Walter B. Fuller.

Conference Superintendent, William T. Scott was present.

The following churches were represented by delegates:

Antioch—Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mr. E. F. Showalter.
Bethel—Mrs. K. B. Dofflemyer, Mrs. Carroll Monger, Mr. M. A. Dofflemyer.
Bethlehem—Mr. Robert Sellers, Mr. J. L. Rhodes.
Beulah—Mrs. Joe Tibbins, Mr. Clarence Michael, Mrs. Clarence Michael.
Concord—Miss Vada Golladay, Mrs. Golen Salyards, Mr. Russell Smith.
Dry Run—Mr. William B. Burke, Mrs. John Cullers.
Joppa—Represented by letter.
Leaksville—Mrs. R. O. Rothgeb, Mrs. Lena Rothgeb, Mr. John D. Miller.
Linville—Mr. Warren Stearn.
Mayland—Mrs. Ervin Layman, Mrs. William Layman.
Mt. Lebanon—Represented by letter.
Mt. Olivet (G)— Mrs. B. G. Snow, Mrs. Elphis Morris.
Mt. Olivet (R)—Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Elwood Lam, Mrs. Dewey Bateman, Mrs. J. J. Lam, Mrs. E. L. Strickler, Mrs. Iva Frazier.
New Hope—Mr. Joe Van Pelt, Mr. Hubert Liskey, Mrs. Hubert Liskey, Mrs. E. M. Spitzer.
Newport—Mr. Russell Alger, Mrs. Russell Alger, Mr. Vernon Foltz, Mrs. Vernon Foltz, Mrs. Julia Foltz.
Palmyra—Represented by letter.
Timber Ridge—Mr. Walton E. Brill, Mrs. Delia Johnson.
Winchester—Mr. O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. H. F. Nelson, Mrs. E. C. Nelson, Mrs. Albert Spaid, Mrs. C. L. Whitlock, Mrs. Frances Cooper, Mrs. C. A. Pugh, Mr. C. A. Pugh.
Wissler's Chapel—Mr. A. N. Green, Miss Gladys Litten, Miss Ruby Green.
Wood's Chapel—Miss Silvia Salyards, Mrs. Florence Day.

The following visitors were recognized and made deliberative members:

Dr. William T. Scott, Superintendent; Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Mr. Martin T. Garren, Greensboro, North Carolina, Chairman of the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign of the Southern Convention; Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, New York, representing the General Council; Rev. Guy H. Veazuy, High Point, North Carolina, a former pastor in this Conference.

Rev. Henry W. Hurst addressed the Conference on the topic: "The Changeless Christ for a Changing World."

The following guests and visitors were introduced to Conference by Rev. R. A. Whitten: Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. Carl H. Kopf, Rev. Alfred W. Hurst, Dr. L. E. Smith, Mrs. L. E. Smith, Dr. William T. Scott. A motion carried that they be seated as deliberatve members of Conference.

The report of the Executive Committee of Conference was read by the secretary. The report was adopted.

The following committee appointments were made:

Place—Mrs. Tom Good, Mr. O. A. Bazzle.

Finance—C. A. Pugh, E. A. Showalter.

Resolution—Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. B. F. Frank, Mrs. E. J. Rohart.

Nominating—R. A. Whitten, Henry V. Harman, Mrs. Kenneth Kibler, J. S. Sellers, R. O. Rothgeb.

A motion was made and seconded, that the Mission Committee, delegates and visitors in the Misson section discussion group petition the Valley Conference to put all available financial resources into starting a church in Harrisonburg, during 1953-54 conference year, and that the Conference request the Mission Board of the Southern Convention and our National Board of Home Missions to to share this undertaking in finances and leadership.

Motion carried that the petition be adopted and that the Executive Committee of Conference be instructed to further pursue and advance the project.

Conference adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference was called to order by the President.

Worship was conducted by Rev. E. J. Rohart.

Rev. Henry V. Harman explained the purpose and place of meeting of the following committees, namely: the Standing Committees of Conference, the Building and Loan Fund Committee, the Finance Committee and a meeting of the C. M. A. Officers.

Conference yielded to a meeting of the C. M. A. Rev. R. A. Whitten served as temporary chairman of the meeting, in the absence of the president, Mrs A. W. Andes, due to sickness.

The total dues received by the C. M. A. was $273.79.

Motion carried that the funds received by the C. M. A. be turned over to the treasurer of Conference and to be used for the mission work of Conference.

Officers elected for another year were:

MRS. TOM GOOD, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

A meeting of members of the former, now combined, committees on Christian Education and Religious Literature together with officers of the Sunday School Convention was held at the Mayland Church, October 11, 1953 with Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Convention Educational Secretary. As a result of this meeting, we recommend emphasis in the following areas:

1. Leadership Training: The Convention officers are available for leadership institutes in individual churches and in groups of churches. In several cases inter-denominational institutes have been tried and found valuable.
2. Young adult work: Some of our churches are losing their young adults and young couples while others are finding new people coming into their area. We recommend that each church have a young adult group or Sunday School class.
3. Missionary Education: Miss Ione Patton will be in the Convention area early in the new year. The Sunday Schools, Youth Groups and Women's Missionary Societies would do well to sponsor Missionary Education work.
4. College age Young People: A survey of Congregational Christian students in area colleges looking toward formation of United Student Fellowship groups and cooperation between students and local churches.
5. The teaching and the reading of the Bible: The Bible is the Word of God and our rule of faith and practice. We, therefore, recommend:
   (a) That more time and thought be given to reading the Bible.
   (b) That parents purchase Bible story books to read to their children.
6. That every family subscribe to and read the *Christian Sun.* That each church appoint someone to send in subscriptions and renewals.
7. That Sunday Schools use our literature published by the Pilgrim Press.

HENRY V. HARMAN, *Chairman*
MRS. B. F. FRANK
RAYMOND ANDES
MRS. R. A. WHITTEN
Committee

The report of the Committee on Christian Educaton and Literature was adopted.

Conference adjourned.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION

The Conference was called to order by the vice-president, Rev. R. E. Newton.

Address: "The World Mission of the Church"—Dr. Carl H. Kopf.

Rev. R. E. Newton officiated at the Holy Communion Service.

The benediction was pronounced, and Conference adjourned to re-convene on Thursday morning at 9:45 A. M.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference was called to order by the president, K. B. Dofflemyer.

Worship was conducted by Rev. R. A. Whitten.

A motion carried that the secretary of Conference write a letter directed from conference to G. W. Rothgeb expressing our gratitude to Mr. Rothgeb for his inspiration and Christian example.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

Derrick Casper Golladay had been actively serving our churches in the Valley Conference throughout his long life as Sunday School teacher, leader of prayer, and lay preacher. He attended the Annual meetings of the Valley Conference for sixty-four years. He read the New Testament through about 670 times, and the Old Testament at least 36 times. He attended Elon College a couple of years. He helped to organize and lead several Sunday Schools. His life was an example of faithful Bible reading, and faithful service in the Church to the limit of his ability and inspiration. He passed on to his reward on the 23rd of April 1953, nearly 81 years of age.

In appreciation of the faithful life of D. G. Golladay, and missing his presence, the One Hundred and Fifth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference has caused this Memoir to be written.

REV. RALPH M. GALT
Committee

Address: "Needs of the Church"—Dr. William T. Scott.

Dr. L. E. Smith brought to Conference some remarks and greetings from the College.

Dr. John G. Truitt presented to conference a general survey of the Christian Orphanage.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

We agree fully with the report of Race Problems that Dr. Robert Lee House made to the Southern Convention which is found on Page 51 of the 1952-53 annual.

We recommend:

ance and explain Jesus' teachings about human brotherhood, and correct erroneous views concerning Negroes.

1. That in our Sunday School we teach against prejudice and intoler-
2. We recommend that the Conference invite a speaker and fraternal fraternal delegates from the Convention of the South or Virginia Congregational Christian Conference to assist with a conference session in the near future.
3. We urge that our members go out of their way to multiply interracial acquaintances and friendships.
4. We urge our churches to throw their influences against discrimination. We should try to get employers to hire without regard to race, and workers to work with colored persons without protest.
5. We urge that every church elect a Social Action Committee.
6. We recommend that efforts be made in all our churches to interpret Social Problems and the work of the Council for Social Action. We suggest use be made of good Christian literature and of audio-visual aids on social problems.
7. We urge our members to work for a more Christian community through such organizations as P. T. A., Farm Bureau, Political Organizations and Labor Organizations.
8. We urge vigilance to see that our public schools do not teach non-Christian ideas.
9. We recommend that the members of our churches get acquainted with, and support the work of the Virginia Church Temperance Council, 311 W. Grace St., Richmond, Virginia, and the Rockingham Youth Temperance Council.

10. We recommend that our churches study World Peace and speak and work against war through all possible channels.

Report Adopted.

RALPH M. GALT, *Chairman*
MRS. E. J. ROHART
MRS. GALEN SALYARDS
MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS
Committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

Whereas Thomas Madren, member of the Biblical Class of Elon College has made a report to our Committee stating that he is serving the cause of Christ, having preached eight sermons, and led a number of prayer meetings;

and whereas, he is no longer a resident of the Valley, but lives in North Carolina, and desires to be associated with his father in the Western North Carolina Conference;

we, your Committee recommend that this Conference commend him to the care and guidance of the Western North Carolina Conference as a member of the Biblical Class.

We further recommend that the Conference Secretary send a copy of this report to Thomas Madren, Box 103, Elon College, North Carolina.

The Ministerial Committee wishes at this point to inform Conference of Page Painter's entrance into Hartford Seminary to continue his studies for the ministry.

Report adopted.

ROBERT A. WHITTEN, *Chairman*
RALPH M. GALT
R. E. NEWTON
E. J. ROHART
W. B. FULLER
C. A. PHILLIPS, *Conf. Sec.*
Committee

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference was called to order by the president, K. B. Dofflemyer.

Worship was conducted by Rev. R. E. Newton.

REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We belive that Christian Stewardship is more than giving our money; it is full consecration of ourselves to God. It is to help people live full Christian lives in obedience to Scriptural commands.

We recommend:

1. That the churches seek to promote Christian principles in the use of material possessions, time and talents, and that emphasis be placed upon Scriptural giving for the support of the local church, Conference, Convention, and other worthy causes at home and abroad.
2. That several stewardship institutes or rallies be promoted in various sections of our conference.
3. That all churches pay their apportionment as given in apportionment table for 1953-54.
4. That we dare our congregations to try conscientious tithing for three months of our church year. Enlist new members to enter into a new blessing by proving Mal. 3:10.
5. That we dare our people to spend more time reading God's Word than the daily newspaper.

6. That we make use of literature, and visual aids in giving stewardship education in our churches.
7. That we list more of our members to join the E. M. N. Group mentioned in Psalm 55:17.

Report adopted.

E. J. ROHART, *Chairman*
O. A. BAZZLE
E. A. SHOWALTER
Committee

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE 1953-54

CHURCH	Southern Convention Fund	Con. Home Mis. & Church Exten.	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Nat'l B. H. Miss. & Minist'l Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Total Apportionment
Antioch	$ 163	$ 132	$ 29	$ 85	$ 85	$ 5	$ 12	$103	$ 72	$ 10	$ 81	$ 777
Bethel	128	63	24	82	67	9	13	71	54	19	71	601
Bethlehem	128	72	24	92	67	5	10	63	54	9	70	594
Beulah	10	9	2	6	6	1	1	8	9	3	8	63
Concord	40	27	7	21	21	3	4	24	21	6	34	208
Dry Run	50	32	11	42	28	4	4	28	21	9	45	274
Joppa	19	11	3	9	9	1	2	10	11	4	13	92
Leaksville	144	92	28	109	79	10	14	81	57	19	130	763
Linville	153	98	28	90	70	10	14	86	79	19	119	766
Maryland	50	30	9	26	42	5	4	27	19	9	71	292
Mt. Lebanon	50	33	9	23	23	7	6	29	26	12	33	251
Mt. Olivet (G)	63	38	11	33	33	7	5	33	36	13	60	332
Mt. Olivet (R)	48	29	9	24	24	8	5	25	21	13	79	285
New Hope	59	37	12	33	33	3	4	32	32	6	42	293
Newport	153	87	27	88	155	9	12	76	25	18	94	744
Palmyra	25	13	4	12	12	5	3	12	14	10	29	139
Timber Ridge	123	77	22	66	66	12	12	68	65	25	99	635
Winchester	363	127	61	100	100	15	17	111	434	30	186	1,534
Wissler's Chapel	40	28	5	21	21	3	4	25	14	5	27	193
Woods Chapel	31	27	5	19	19	4	4	24	14	9	34	190
Totals	$1,830	$1,062	$330	$981	$960	$126	$150	$936	$1,078	$248	$1,325	$9,026

We your committee on finance, recommend the following to be paid:

Expenses of the President	$10.00
Salary and Expenses of Secretary	35.00
Salary of the Treasurer	10.00
Rev. Alfred W. Hurst	10.00

Report adopted.

E. A. SHOWALTER, *Chairman*
R. L. SMITH
Committee

A special recommendation was recommended to the churches by Dr. William T. Scott in behalf of Evangelism and Stewardship.

1. That each Church make a survey of its community to ascertain the names and addresses of people in the community not professing Christ and not members of the Church.
2. That the Church seek to bring to Christ and the Church these people between now and Easter of 1954.
3. That each Church present the Scriptural injunctions of Stewardship—tithing in particular.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

This Conference has been on of happy Christian fellowship and profit, for which we thank God.

We therefore, recommend the following:

1. That we express our appreciation for the faihtful services rendered by each officer of the Conference and for the excellent program presented.
2. That we express our gratitude to those who have appeared on this program or made a contribution in any way to this Conference, especially to our guest speakers.
3. That we express our deep regret at the illness of Mrs. A. W. Andes and her absence from this Conference.
4. That we record our joy with the Bethlehem people and pastor in their accomplishment in the building of this beautiful new church and thank them for the privilege of holding this Conference here.
5. That by risng vote we express our sincere thanks to Concord and Bethlehem for their generous hospitality.
6. That we evidence our deep concern in the vote of this Conference to begin work in Harrisonburg during 1953-54 by supporting this effort with our contributions and prayers.
7. That the delegates and members of this Conference take back to their local churches the inspiration of this Conference and make a conscientious effort to carry out its plans and suggestions for the coming year.
8. That as Christian workers we dedicate ourselves anew to the God given task of presenting "A Changeless Christ to a Changing Society."

MRS. ROBERT A. WHITTEN
MRS. EMERSON J. ROHART
MRS. B. F. FRANK
Committee

Motion carried that an offering be received to help defer the expenses of Conference.

Amount of the offering received amounted to $20.87.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating committee recommended the following officers:

President ..... REV. R. A. WHITTEN
Vice President ..... K. B. DOFFLEMYER

Secretary ..... C. A. PHILLIPS
Assistant Secretary ..... REV. HENRY V. HARMAN
Treasurer ..... O. W. ANDES
Delegates to Virginia Council of Churches .... REV. RALPH M. GALT AND REV. R. E. NEWTON
Member of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention ..... C. A. PHILLIPS

Report adopted and officers were declared elected.

R. O. ROTHGEB, *Chairman*
SHIRLEY WHITE
MRS. KERMIT KIBLER
REV. R. A. WHITTEN
Committee

Motion properly supported that a rising vote of thanks be expressed for the past services of the retiring president, K. B. Dofflemyer.

Motion carried that the minutes of this Conference be completed by the secretary and presented to the retiring president for his final approval.

Motion carried that the minutes be printed in the Annual and that 125 copies of the Annual be ordered for the Valley Virginia Conference.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Conference Fund

Amount brought forward as reported at Conference last year $1,589.65

RECEIPTS

1952	
Oct. 22—Southern Convention Office	50.00
Nov. 17—Southern Convention Office	50.00
Dec. 19—Southern Convention Office	50.00
1953	
Jan. 24—Southern Convention Office	50.00
Feb. 27—Southern Convention Office	50.00
Mar. 26—Southern Convention Office	50.00
Mar. 26—Rev. S. E. Madren, Annuals	3.75
Apr. 20—Rev. H. V. Harman, pastor-at-large fund	19.43
Apr. 30—Southern Convention Office	50.00
May 22—Southern Convention Office	50.00
June 20—Southern Convention Office	50.00
Aug. 9—Rev. E. J. Rohart, Annuals	5.00
Oct. 14—Bethel Church, Annuals	3.50
Oct. 14—C. M. A. Fund	258.79
Oct. 15—Special Offering	20.87
Oct. 15—C. M. A. Fund	15.00
Oct. 15—Clarence Phillips, Annuals	3.25
Oct. 15—Rev. R. E. Newton, Annuals	5.00
Oct. 15—Rev. Ralph Galt, Annuals	2.50

Amount from Churches for Conference Fund:

Antioch	$ 81.00
Bethel	71.00
Bethlehem	70.00
Beulah	8.00
Concord	34.00
Dry Run	22.25
Joppa	13.00

Leaksville	130.00	
Linville	119.00	
Mayland	65.00	
Mount Lebanon	33.00	
Mount Olivet (G)	40.00	
Mount Olivet (R)	9.00	
New Hope	42.00	
Newport	94.00	
Palmyra	29.00	
Timber Ridge	99.00	
Winchester	160.00	
Wissler's Chapel	27.00	
Wood's Chapel	34.00	1,210.25
Totals		$3,586.99

DISBURSEMENTS

1952			
Nov. 6—Rev. H. V. Harman, pastor-at-large fund		$ 18.16	
Nov. 17—Clarence Phillips, secretary's salary		20.00	
Nov. 17—K. B. Dofflemyer, president's expenses		5.00	
Nov. 17—O. W. Andes, treasurer's salary and postage		12.00	
Dec. 15—Dr. W. T. Scott, pastor's insurance		132.48	
1953			
Jan. 12—Rev. R. A. Whitten, Bible for James Madren		10.00	
Jan. 12—Rev. H. V. Harman, pastor-at-large fund		30.88	
Mar. 14—Rev. Ralph M. Galt, expenses to Virginia Council of Churches		8.85	
Apr. 21—K. B. Dofflemyer, printing of mid-year programs		2.50	
June 3—Southern Convention Office, Pastor's Insurance		107.46	
June 5—Rev. H. V. Harman, pastor-at-large fund		25.44	
Oct. 14—Rev. A. W. Hurst, Guest speaker		10.00	
Pastor's Salaries:			
Rev. H. V. Harman	$300.00		
Rev. E. J. Rohart	424.80		
Rev. S. E. Madren	349.80	1,074.60	
Totals Disbursements			1,457.67
Balance in Treasury			$2,129.32

REPORT OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Home and Foreign Missions Committee met in joint session with the chairman of the Home Missions Committee in charge.

In response to the invitation of the president, quite a number of delegates and visitors sat in on the meeting. The chairman stated that this was a new procedure, and that the purpose of it was to give information and to create a greater interest in the mission cause.

Rev. R. A. Whitten was then called upon to lead in an open discussion of the various phases of the mission activity of the conference.

The delegates from the Mt. Lebanon church were called upon to give a report on the progress being made on their new church building. This they did, stating that the foundation was completed and that they had about $4,000.00 in their building fund. The annual conference last year, upon the recommendation of the Home Missions Committee had appropriated $500.000 on this project.

The question of establishing a Congregational Christian Church in Harrisonburg which had been under consideration at previous sessions of

Conference was again introduced, and a motion was passed, that the Missions Committee Delegates and visitors in the Mission Section discussion group, petition the Valley Conference to put all available financial resources into starting a church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, during 1953-54 conference year and that the Conference request the Mission Board of the Southern Convention and the National Board of Home Missions, to share this undertaking in finances and leadership.

Report Adopted.

R. O. ROTHGEB, *Chairman*
R. E. NEWTON
E. J. ROHART
O. W. ANDES
E. A. SHOWALTER
RUSSELL SMITH

The date of the next annual session of Conference will be on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, which is October 13, 14, 1954.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

Benediction.

K. B. DOFFLEMYER, *President*
C. A. PHILLIPS, *Secretary*

MINISTERIAL REPORTS OF VALLEY CONFERENCE

Fuller, Walter B.—No Report. (Inactive).

Galt, Ralph M.—Churches served: Bethlehem, Concord, Palmyra, Wissler's Chapel, Wood's Chapel. Sermons 116, Members received 30, Meetings 56, Weddings 3, Baptisms 20, addresses 3, Funerals 16. Salary $3,035.

Harman, Henry V.—Churches served: Timber Ridge and Pastor-at-Large for Conference, Sermons 53, Members received 2, Prayer Meetings 4, Weddings 1, addresses 3, Funerals 8, Salary $3,300.

Newton, R. Esten—Churches served: Dry Run, Joppa, Leaksville, Newport, Mt. Lebanon. Sermons 135, Members received 10, Prayer meetings 12, Weddings 21, Conversions 10, Baptisms 9, Addresses 5, Funerals 16, Salary $3,272.54.

Rohart, Emerson J.—Churches served: Antioch, Beulah, Linville, Mayland, New Hope. Sermons 133, Members received 26, Prayer meetings 9, Weddings 3, Conversions 20, Baptisms 21, addresses 4, Funerals 10, Salary $2,979.

Whitten, Robert A.—Church served: Winchester. Sermons 9, Members received 13, Prayer meetings 40, Weddings 289, Conversions 11, Baptisms 5, Addresses 12, Funerals 14, Salary $3,000.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Amount reported	$703.47
January 3, 1953 Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift Interest	10.55
June 29, 1953, Harrisonburg Loan & Thrift Interest	10.72
Total	$724.74

STANDING COMMITTEES
VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE—1953-54

Executive—Robert A. Whitten, K. B. Dofflemyer, Clarence A. Phillips, O. W. Andes, Roy A. Larrick.

Missions—Ralph O. Rothgeb, chairman, C. W. Louderback, M. A. Dofflemyer, E. A. Showalter, C. A. Phillips, Russell Smith, Leyburn Brill,

O. W. Andes, E. J. Rohart, H. V. Harman, R. E. Newton, Mrs. Cecil Whitlock, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Miss Verdie Showalter, Ralph M. Galt.

Ministry—Robert A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, E. J. Rohart, Ralph M. Galt, H. V. Harman.

Stewardship and Apportionment—E. A. Showalter, E. J. Rohart, Mrs. Tom Good, O. A. Bazzle, E. F. Showalter, B. F. McDaniel, Mrs. Amy L. Kibler.

Evangelism—Rev. R. E. Newton, Ralph M. Galt, H. V. Harman.

Christian Education and Religious Literature—Dr. Raymond Andes, Mrs. Robert A. Whitten, Mrs. B. F. Frank, Joseph Vanpelt, Mrs. Ralph M. Galt.

Layman's Fellowship—Noah F. Painter, R. W. Burke, C. A. Pugh, O. W. Andes.

Social Action and Moral Reform—Ralph M. Galt, Mrs. Gaylon Salyards, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, Mrs. E. J. Rohart, Mrs. R. E. Newton.

Sunday School—President of the S. S. Convention.

Proceedings of the One Hundred Fifth Annual Session, Virginia Valley Central Congregational Christian Conference

BETHLEHEM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 14, 15, 1953

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION

The one hundred fifth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Bethlehem Church, Tenth Legion, Virginia.

The Conference was called to order at 10 A. M. by the president, K. B. Dofflemyer. The worship service was conducted by the host pastor, the Rev. Ralph M. Galt.

ENROLLMENT

Ministers—R. A. Whitten, E. J. Rohart, R. E. Newton, H. V. Harman, R. M. Galt, W. B. Fuller.

Churches and Delegates—

Antioch—Mrs. E. F. Showalter, W. M. Neiswander, Mrs. Ella Green.
Bethel—Mrs. H. T. Hensley, Mrs. Hazel Monger, Mrs. W. H. Alger.
Bethlehem—J. S. Sellers, R. R. Sellers, Stanley Lohr.
Beulah—Mrs. Besse Dorman, Mrs. Joe Tibbins.
Concord—Russell Smith, Miss Vada Golloday.
Dry Run—W. B. Burke, Roderick Burke.
Joppa—Miss Ezylean Nicholson, Mrs. Louise Cooley.
Leaksville—Mrs. Lena Rothgeb, Mrs. R. O. Rothgeb, Mrs. B. F. McDaniel, Miss Irma Foltz.
Linville—Mrs. Zeda Hosaflook, Miss Bertha Kratzer.
Mayland—Mrs. Maria Nicholas, Mrs. Myrtle Layman, Bobby Spitzer.
Mt. Lebanon—No Report.
Mt. Olivet (G)—Mrs. Helen Snow, Mrs. Susie Snow.
Mt. Olivet (R)—Mrs. J. J. Lam, Mrs. Joseph Frazier.
New Hope—Mrs. Virginia Long, H. E. Liskey.
New Port—Mrs. Alfred Dovel, Alfred Dovel.
Palmyra—Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, Robert Clem.
Timber Ridge—Vernon Whitacre, Mrs. Vernon Whitacre, Mrs. Fred Oates.
Winchester—O. A. Bazzle, C. A. Pugh, Mrs. Grover Daugherty, Mrs. Albert Spaid.
Wissler's Chapel—Donald Green, Donald Litten.
Wood's Chapel—Mrs. Florence Day, Miss Sylvia Salyards.
Oak Dale—No Report.

A motion was made and carried that the prepared program be accepted as the order of Conference with such changes as may be deemed necessary.

The Conference enjoyed an address by Dr. Buschmeyer on the subject, "Doors of Opportunity".

Mr. Garren presented the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign and urged the churches of the Valley Conference to support this important undertaking of our denomination.

The session adjourned at 12:30 p. m. for lunch. The lunch was served in the basement of Bethlehem's new church, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called together at 2:00 p. m. and the Worship Service was conducted by Rev. S. E. Madren.

The churches each presented reports through their delegate of the highlights in the work of the churches during the year. These reports were greatly enjoyed.

Rev. Robert A. Whitten, Chairman of the Committee on the Ministry, made the following report, which was adopted:

Thomas Madren appeared before your Committee and made application for licensure. Mr. Madren is a student at Elon College, and the Committee recommended that he be licensed to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is recommended that he be licensed at this session of the Conference.

Rev. Silas E. Madren, having accepted a call to become the pastor of the First Congregational Christian Church, Albemarle, North Carolina, requests a letter of transfer to the Western North Carolina Conference. It is recommended that such a transfer be given to Brother Madren.

We recommend each applicant for the Biblical Class be required to make application to the Committee on the Ministry in advance, in order that proper preparations may be made to consider the application and to examine the candidate.

It is further recommended that each member of the Biblical Class and each Licentiate, who intends to request Ordination, appear before the Committee on the Ministry once a year, and that the Committee on the Ministry appoint an adviser for each member of the Biblical Class and for each Licentiate.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Whitten, *Chairman*

Upon motion the report of the Committee on the Ministry was approved and Thomas W. Madren was licensed to preach the Gospel. The following ministers participated in the licensing: Rev. Robert A. Whitten, Rev. E. J. Rohart, Rev. Silas Madren, Rev. Ralph M. Galt.

Rev. Silas Madren spoke relative to the Sunday School Convention to be held June 10, 1953 at Dry Run Church.

The Conference heard with concern the illness of Mr. D. C. Golladay, who has attended without failing many of the sessions of the Conference during the last 64 years. Rev. Guy H. Veazey led the Conference in prayer in remembrance and petition for blessings upon Mr. Golliday.

Upon motion it was voted that the Valley Central Conference give approval to the petition presented by the Plains District Ministerial Association as follows:

The Commission to Study the Alcoholic Beverage Control System
Capitol Building
Richmond, Virginia

Honorable gentlemen:

The Plains District Ministerial Association of the Broadway-Timberville-New Market area is interested in the movement to revise the Virginia State A. B. C. system. We hold that the following revisions and changes are definitely needed:

1. That no A. B. C. license for the sale of 3.2 beer and/or other alcoholic beverages be granted when the majority of people in the trading area or community involved oppose the issuing of the license.
2. That provision be made for local option referendums whereby if the majority of those voting in a community vote against the sale of 3.2 beer and/or other alcoholic beverages, the A. B. C. licenses in that community be revoked or cancelled.
3. That the residents of a community be given full opportunity to express themselves regarding the desirability of alcoholic beverages in that community, and that the opinions of the majority of those residents expressing themselves be given primary consideration before an application for license can be granted.
4. That names of non-residents on applications and/or petitions for a license for alcoholic beverages sale be rejected.
5. That state-wide prohibition be established and enforced, and the State of Virginia go out of the alcoholic beverages business entirely.

We earnestly beg your prayerful consideration of these suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH M. GALT, *Chairman*
Plains District Ministerial Association.

New Market, Va.
26 March, 1953

A report from the Virginia Council of Churches was heard from Rev. Ralph M. Galt.

An offering was received amounting to $22.50, and it was voted that an offering should be received for the Valley Summer Conference Camp.

Upon motion the Conference was adjourned to meet in annual session, and also to assemble for the mid-year session in 1954.

K. B. Dofflemyer, *President*
Clarence A. Phillips, *Secretary*

Proceedings of the One Hundred Thirty-Third Annual Session of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 28-29, 1953

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WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its one hundred thirty-third annual session at the Newport News Congregatonal Christian Church, Newport News, Virginia, on October 28 to October 29, 1953.

The Conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m. on Wednesday by the president, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar. The opening hymn was led by Rev. R. E. Tally, after which Dr. I. W. Johnson led the prayer for divine guidance.

The welcome address was given by Mr. C. D. West of the Newport News Church. Rev. E. T. Farrell, pastor of the Cypress Chapel and Oak Grove Christian Churches, responded on behalf of the Conference.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

ENROLLMENT

Ministers—R. E. Brittle, T. H. Britton, H. L. Carnes, E. N. Clark, H. E. Crutchfield, J. H. Dollar, Melvin Dollar, E. T. Farrell, C. L. Fields, John Gallo, A. L. Granger, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, R. C. Helfenstein, A. L. Hurdle, I. W. Johnson, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., J. E. McCauley, J. E. Neese, S. W. Phillips, O. D. Poythress, W. T. Scott, L. E. Smith, W. P. Smith, W. M. Stevens, R. E. Tally, M. E. Taylor, J. G. Truitt, T. F. Wright.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Antioch—Mrs. W. L. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Garrison.
Barrett's—Mr. and Mrs. John R. Simms, Jr.
Berea, Nansemond—Mrs. H. C. Outlaw, Mrs. Wilbur Jones.
Bethlehem, Disputanta—Alex W. Bresko, Mrs. Eddie Cibula.
Bethlehem, Nansemond—Mrs. O. C. Bradshaw, Mrs. W. C. Joyner, Mrs. A. C. Moore, C. F. Savage.
Burton's Grove—
Centerville—Mrs. J. C. Morris, Mrs. John Kohout.
Cypress Chapel—J. P. Byrd, Mrs. Roy Brinkley, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkins.
Dendron—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Atkinson.

Eure—Mrs. Cleetise Briscoe, Mrs. Katie Leigh Askew, L. W. Howell..
Franklin—John M. Beale, Mrs. J. Letcher Eley, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Rawles.
Great Bridge, Berea—Mrs. Lillian Hall, E. E. Waterfield.
Holland—E. J. Norfleet.
Holy Neck—Miss Mildred Ann Carter, Mrs. Allen Piland, Mrs. Robert Warren, C. T. Parker.
Hopewell—Mrs. F. W. Lowe, Mrs. J. E. Bshop, Mrs. F. M. Gammon.
Isle of Wight—
Johnson's Grove—
Liberty Spring—Mrs. James C. Lynch, Mrs. Luther W. Wilkins, Mrs. R. Wesley Harrell, G. O. O'Berry.
Mt. Carmel—Mrs. J. L. Rose, Otis V. Joyner.
Mt. Zion—Mrs. Florence Wright.
New Lebanon—A. V. Cockes, A. T. Sowder.
Newport News—Mrs. W. B. Williams, W. H. Baker, C. D. West, Mrs. C. B. Matteson.
Norfolk—
Bay View—Mrs. I. S. Morris, C. C. Mountcastle, Jr.
Congregational Christian Temple—Mrs. M. J. W. White, Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Mrs. W. M. Stevens.
First—Mrs. J. Monroe Harris, Mrs. Alice Hozier, Mrs. A. L. Barrett, Mss Lula L. Pierce.
Little Creek—Mrs. M. E. Taylor.
Rosemont—Mrs. F. T. Etheredge, Miss Ruth Dunn, Mrs. H. S. Bondurant, Mrs. W. E. Hewitt.
Second—Mrs. W. W. Starnes, Mrs. Verla Godwin.
Oak Grove—Mrs. Elsie A. Eason, Frank E. Powell.
Oakland—Mrs. Raye V. Knight, Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Mrs. J. E. Gayle, Mills E. Godwin, Jr.
Portsmouth—
Elm Avenue—E. L. Hamm, N. A. Porter.
First—Mrs. B. F. Collins.
Shelton Memorial—Mrs. F. H. Lewis, Mrs. W. J. Birdgood.
Richmond—Mrs. R. C. Helfenstein.
South Norfolk—R. D. Holland, D. W. Jones, Jr., Mrs. W. D. Frias.
Spring Hill—Mrs. G. C. Whte.
Suffolk—Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Mrs. J. L. Byrd.
Sunbury, Damascus—Mrs. A. V. Hofler, G. E. Rountree.
Union, Southampton—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Joyner, Steve Hernok.
Union, Surry—Mrs. Frederick Huber.
Wakefield—Mrs. Tyler Brittle.
Waverly—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tomlinson, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Lee B. Carpenter.
Windsor—Mrs. Mae Raby, Mrs. Allen P. Beale, E. J. Brock.

The report of the Program Committee was presented by the Secretary and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee presents the printed program as the order of procedure for this Annual Conference with such changes as the session may find necessary.

Respectfully submitted: Jesse H. Dollar, H. S. Hardcastle, Melvin Dollar, Thomas H. Britton, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met at Suffolk, Virginia on January 19, 1953. On request of the Hopewell Church and after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, it was voted:

a. That the Hopewell Christian Church, Hopewell, Virginia, be granted the sum of $300.00 from the Conference Home Missions Fund for the Conference Year 1952-53 to be applied on the Pastor's Salary. The payments are to be made on the basis of $25.00 per month.
(Note) The payments were discontinued August 31, 1953, the effective date of the resignation of the pastor.

The Executive Committee met at Suffolk, Virginia on May 18, 1953.

The matter of the $700.00 borrowed by the Mission Board of the Southern Convention from the Eastern Virginia Ministerial Education Fund for use at the Hopewell Christian Church was discussed. It was voted:

a. In view of the fact that the Eastern Virginia Conference and Christian Missionary Association already are contributing to the support of the Hopewell Church, the matter of the $700.00 loan owed to the Ministerial Education Fund should be placed before the Mission Board of the Convention.

The Officers of the Conference have handled the miscellaneous business of the Conference pertaining to their offices during the year.

Respectfully submitted: Jesse H. Dollar, H. S. Hardcastle, Thomas H. Britton, James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

A letter from Dr. N. G. Newman expressing regret his health made attendance at conference impossible was read by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, the members of this committee, submit herewith the following report:

A letter of transfer of Ministerial Membership was granted to Dr. Duane N. Vore from this Conference to the Los Angeles Association of Congregational Churches, Los Angeles, California.

Upon application, the committee will grant a similar letter of transfer to Rev. C. C. Thomas, who has left this Conference to assume a pastorate in Massachusetts.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That Lewis Gwin, Adolph G. Mellberg, Jr. and Glenn Garrett be admitted to the Biblical Class at Elon College. The first two young men are from the First Church in Norfolk, and the latter is from the Rosemont Church.
2. That Richard Cooke be continued a member of the Biblical Class at Elon College, and that George Barron be continued as a member of the Biblical Class while attending Duke University.
3. That Joseph Bage, Bazter Twiddy, Henry A. Gleason, Jr., Paul Varga and John G. Truitt, Jr. be continued as Licentiates of the Conference.

4. That the Conference Ordinations of Reverends John Gallo, M. E. Taylor and D. D. Nash be renewed for another year.
5. That Rev. Harvey L. Carnes be received as a member in good standing of this Conference upon receipt of proper credentials from the Florida Congregational Christian Conference.
6. That Reuben Askew be granted a Certificate of Licensure, the service of licensure to be held at an acceptable time at this conference.

Respectfully submitted: H. S. Hardcastle, N. G. Newman, W. M. Stevens, J. E. McCauley, I. W. Johnson.

The president appointed Dr. H. S. Hardcastle a committee of one to arrange for the service of licensure for Reuben Askew.

The following special committees were appointed by the president.

Nominations—Rev. E. T. Farrell, Mrs. Frank Lewis, Rev. T. Fred Wright.

Resolutions—Rev. Thomas H. Britton, Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Rev. O. D. Poythress.

Finance—W. H. Baker, Rev. R. E. Brittle.

Press—Mrs. W. B. Williams, Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr.

The report of the Committee on Christan Education was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is not a term to be applied to one particular phase of Church Work. Rather, it is a program of mental, moral and spiritual development which should be continuous in its effect upon the lives of our church constitutencies. Only to this end can it be called Christian and educational.

Our generation has before it a tremendous challenge. The teachings of Christ are of value to none unless they are of value to everyone. They are not ways of belief for an exclusive few, but they comprise a "way of life" for all. Therein lies the challenge of our Churches in the field of Christian Education—reaching the unreached.

To this end your Committee would suggest:

1. That each Sunday School make a thorough survey of its opportunities and ascertain whether or not maximum results are being realized. Also, careful thought should be given to the materials used in the Sunday School and in the parish.
2. Christian Education can be further advanced by Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Many publishing houses provide excellent materials for a ten-day school emphasizing particular themes for the development of Christian character. We would urge each Church, this year, to conduct such a School.
3. The training of teachers is an ever present need in our Churches. During the past year a week of Teacher Training Courses was offered in three areas of our Conference. However, not all Sunday Schools were represented. We would urge a 100 per cent support of these schools in the coming year.
4. Commendation should be extended to the officers of the Sunday School Convention and to the Sunday School Superintendents of our Conference. We would commend the continuation of such a program and the full support of all Superintendents.
5. Acknowledging the need of continual training of our young people, we suggest that, if at all possible, each Sunday School have representatives at our Young People's Summer Conferences and that those

receiving such training be used in the Christian Educational program of the Church.

6. Elon College represents our greatest investment in Christian Education. Therefore, it merits our support, not only in the apportionment item and the Sustaining Fund, but in the Two and One-half Million Dollar Campaign. It is also deserving of our young people for training in higher education in Christian surroundings.

Respectfully submitted: J. E. Neese, Letcher Eley, C. E. Reynolds, Jr., Mrs. W. T. Harrell, Miss Rebecca Mann.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., addressed the conference on the theme "Christian Education."

After the singing of a hymn, Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College, reported on the accomplishments and needs of the college . Additonal remarks were made at his request by Dr. W. M. Stevens and Dr. W. T. Scott.

Rev. and Mrs. Harvey L. Carnes, of the Franklin Christian Church, Miss Ruth Dunn, Director of Religious Education of the Rosemont Christian Church, and ministerial students Reuben Askew, Glenn Garrett and Lewis Gwin were recognized by the conference.

Rev. Thomas J. Moore and Rev. Romie Skeeter, fraternal delegates from the Virgnia Congregational Christian Conference (Negro) were recognized and brought greetings from their conference to this conference. Miss Alice M. Huggins, American Board Missionary to China, was presented to the conference.

On motion it was voted that Miss Huggins, Rev. T. J. Moore and Rev. Romie Skeeter be seated as deliberative members of the conference for this session.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., addressed the conference briefly on the work and program of the convention.

The morning session adjourned after prayer by Rev. T. Fred Wright.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session convened at 2 o'clock. The opening hymn was led by Rev. O. D. Poythress and the prayer by Rev. John Gallo.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

It is evident from the manifest results that we are making progress in the important matter of Stewardship Education in our churches in this Conference. We commend our pastors and congregations for this progress and urge them to continue to enlarge this program. No church or pastor can neglect this matter on the excuse that they can't secure material for this purpose. Abundant material is available, for the asking, to any church or pastor at little or no cost. This material includes both instructional material for those who would lead such a program in their church and educational and promotional material for general distribution and sudy. We list below three sources of such material and urge that every church in this

Conference provide a program of Stewardship as a part of its regular program.

Write these agencies for help:

1. Southern Convention Office, Elon College, North Carolina.
2. Missions Council, Congregational Christian Churches, 287 Fourth Ave., New York 10, New York.
3. Department of Stewardship, National Council of Churches, 289 Fourth Ave., New York 10, New York.

Respectfully submitted: W. M. Stevens, W. B. Williams, Rev. Clyde L. Fields, Rev. T. Fred Wright.

The report of the Christian Missionary Association was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association met Tuesday, December 9, 1952, at the Windsor Congregational Christian Church.

The financial Secretary, Rev. R. E. Brittle, called the roll of the Churches and reported that thirty-three Churches submitted the sum of $3,925.00. Churches aided by the C. M. A. during the year 1951-52 were as follows: Little Creek, Second Church, Norfolk, Bay View, Sunbury and Hopewell.

Rev. Earl T. Farrell, vice-president, brought an inspiring message at the morning session. Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Pastor of the Durham (N. C.) Congregational Christian Church, delivered an informative and challenging address at the afernoon session.

The officers and committees for the year are as follows: Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, President; Rev. Earl T. Farrell, Vice-President; Rev. Thomas H. Britton, Recording Secretary; Rev. R. E. Brittle, Financial Secretary; Mr. E. L. Rawles, Treasurer.

Plans Committee—Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, chairman, Mr. C. D. West, Hon. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., Dr. I. W. Johnson, Mr. H. R. Morrison.

Resolutions Commitee—Dr. W. Millard Stevens, chairman, Mr. Wesley Harrell, Rev. Clyde Fields, Mrs. Frank Lewis, Rev. M. E. Taylor.

Nominations Committee—Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Place Committee—Mrs. I. W. Johnson.

Press Committee—Rev. Lanson Granger, Rev. Thomas Britton.

Auditing Committee—Hon. S. T. Holland, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Last year was one of the best years so far as contributions are concerned. May we urge that all the Churches endeavor to increase their subscriptions and may we have all of the Churches of the Conference making a contribution to the C. M. A. This is our goal this year. If the delegates to this Conference will take the C. M. A. seriously and then present the matter to the Churches, we will have a good report at the C. M. A. meeting at the Shelton Memorial Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, December 8, 1953.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, President.

Dr. W. T. Scott presented Rev. J. W. Rackley, a minister of the Disciples of Christ, now serving as pastor of the Hopewell Christian Church, Hopewell, Virginia.

On motion it was voted that he be seated as a deliberative member of the conference for this session.

The report of the Committee on Apportionments was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS

The Committee on Apportionments makes the following recommendations:

1. That the schedule of apportionments for the year 1952-53 be adopted for the year 1953-54 without change.

2. That each Church include the Elon College Sustaining Fund of one dollar per member in its budget or provide some other method of securing the fund.
3. That each Church give serious consideration to the program of operating on an annual budget and raising the budget through an annual every-member-canvass.
4. That payments on apportionments be made on a quarterly basis for the efficient operation of the Convention Boards and Office and institutions.

We commend those churches which have paid the apportionment assigned to them in full and urge each church to seek to pay this obligation in full.

We note with pleasure the large number of the churches in this Conference that have accepted their quotas for the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. We trust that each church will accept its quota that new churches may be built and our Congregational Christian Fellowship enlarged.

Respectfully submitted: S. T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, Floyd A. Turner, G. C. White, Rev. Ellis N. Clark.

APPORTIONMENT TABLE CONFERENCE YEAR 1953 - 1954

EASTERN VIRGINIA	Convention Fund	Conv. H. M. & Ch. Ext. Fund	Ch. Ed.	Elon College	Ch. Orphanage	Minis Schol.	Christian Sun	Natl. B. H. M. & Minis. Relief	Foreign Missions.	Per Capita Dues	Conf. Fund	Conf. H. M.	Va. C. C. C.	1952-53 Total
Antioch	$ 69	$ 30	$ 16	$ 62	$ 9	$ 4	$ 7	$ 27	$ 30	$ 9	$ 5	$ 10	$ 5	$ 283
Barrett's	15	13	11	20	6	5	5	11	10	6	5	5	2	114
Berea (Nans)	158	94	53	73	113	18	12	83	86	16	15	25	4	750
Bethlehem (Disp.)	38	27	13	12	15	6	12	23	24	16	5	5	4	200
Bethlehem (Nans.)	195	159	80	152	169	18	42	140	124	55	15	50	15	1,214
Burton's Grove	31	13	11	10	10	5	2	11	10	3	5	5	1	117
Centerville	15	12	10	15	6	5	4	10	10	5	5	5	2	104
Cypress Chapel	142	112	44	115	151	15	22	98	112	29	15	50	11	916
Dendron	15	16	10	15	60	3	2	14	14	3	3	2	1	158
Eure	94	37	11	54	54	11	16	33	39	21	10	10	10	400
Franklin	322	212	45	245	141	15	22	187	222	29	15	75	12	1,542
Great Bridge (Berea)	171	101	58	42	64	16	16	88	119	20	15	35	5	750
Holland	345	192	52	224	246	9	25	169	160	31	10	75	12	1,550
Holy Neck	234	90	45	140	140	10	20	79	72	26	10	25	9	900
Hopewell	15	22	11	10	6	5	8	19	17	13	5	4	6	141
Isle of Wight	63	24	11	75	30	10	5	21	30	6	10	10	2	297
Johnson's Grove	15	16	11	10	10	5	5	14	14	6	5	3	2	116
Liberty Spring	249	136	53	219	183	23	33	119	122	45	15	40	12	1,249
Mt. Carmel	161	100	44	105	82	15	15	88	102	19	15	35	7	788
Mt. Zion	15	13	11	15	6	5	4	11	10	5	5	5	2	107
New Lebanon	46	34	11	30	12	10	5	30	30	6	10	10	2	236
Newport News	502	340	120	400	250	25	30	299	429	39	25	100	15	2,574
Norfolk—Bay View	63	30	11	40	24	10	5	27	30	6	10	5	4	265
Norfolk—Temple	1,150	638	132	850	300	35	80	561	672	104	35	100	31	4,688
Norfolk—First	155	61	30	105	105	8	16	54	54	20	10	35	9	662
Norfolk—Little Creek	15	13	5	5	30	2	5	12	14	6	2	2	1	112
Norfolk—Rosemont	512	338	90	480	800	25	30	297	429	39	25	80	14	3,159
Norfolk—Central	107	54	13	94	69	6	8	48	49	11	10	30	3	502
Oak Grove	58	29	8	45	18	4	6	26	31	7	5	10	3	250
Oakland	212	128	47	176	128	14	35	113	131	45	15	35	10	1,089
Portsmouth—Elm Ave.	53	55	12	28	20	3	7	49	54	10	5	30	3	329
Portsmouth—First	224	144	44	185	150	10	10	126	142	13	10	35	6	1,099
Portsmouth—Shel. Mem.	76	40	26	17	28	11	6	35	36	7	10	5	3	300
Richmond	161	100	22	185	121	15	10	88	102	13	15	35	5	872
South Norfolk	314	184	51	266	186	17	46	162	198	64	15	60	20	1,583
Spring Hill	63	30	11	30	24	5	5	27	32	6	5	10	2	250
Suffolk	1,150	637	157	906	737	38	85	560	647	123	40	300	43	5,423
Sunbury—Damascus	96	51	11	75	63	10	12	45	41	16	10	15	5	450
Union (So)	79	59	11	77	74	21	10	51	63	15	20	15	5	500
Union (Surry)	15	19	11	20	12	5	3	16	14	4	5	5	2	131
Wakefield	63	42	22	60	24	5	9	37	44	12	5	10	4	337
Waverly	257	106	22	185	72	15	15	94	122	19	10	25	5	947
Windsor	127	83	22	110	121	15	9	73	92	12	15	30	4	713
Total	$7,860	$4,634	$1,489	$5,982	$4,869	$512	$724	$4,075	$4,783	$960	$500	$1,456	$323	$ 38,167

The report of the Treasurer was presented and on motion it was voted to refer it to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CONFERENCE FUND

Receipts

Balace October 15, 1952	$ 920.62
1951-52 Apportionments	50.00
Received from Conv. Min. Scholarship Fund	2.00
1952-53 Apportionments	346.25
Total Receipts	$1,318.87

Disbursements

Transf. to Va. C. of C. to complete appropriation	$ 15.75
Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Supplies	18.90
Va. Church Temperance Council, Inc.	100.00
Conference Speakers' Expenses	25.00
Bank Service Charges	.20
Treasurer's Allowance	20.00
Treas. Southern Convention, Min. School Fund	2.00
Secretary's Salary and Expenses	55.00
Total Disbursements	$ 241.85
Balance on hand Oct. 15, 1953	$1,077.02

CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONS

Receipts

Balance October 15, 1952	$1,959.00
1951-52 Apportionments	130.00
1952-53 Apportionments	917.25
Total Receipts	$3,006.25

Disbursements

Transf. to Va. C. of C., Special Appropriation	$ 175.00
Second, Norfolk, on Parsongae	400.00
Hopewell, on Pastor's Salary	250.00
Total Disbursements	$ 825.00
Balance on Hand Oct. 15, 1953	$2,181.25

VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Recepits

Balance October 15, 1952	$ 285.25
1951-52 Apportionments	24.00
Trans. from Conference Fund	15.75
Transf. from Conf. Home Missions Fund	175.00
1952-53 Apportionments	220.75
Total Receipts	$ 720.75

Disbursements

Interdenominal Rel. Works Foundation	$ 75.00
Virginia Council of Churches	425.00
Balance on hand October 15, 1953	$ 500.00
Balance on hand October 15, 1953	$ 220.75

*MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand October 15, 1952	$3,955.82

Disbursements

Check to Southern Convention Nov. 5, 1952	$3,955.82

Account Closed

MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand October 15, 1952	$2,407.85
1951-52 Apportionments	2.00
Total Receipts	$2,409.85

Disbursements

Check to Southern Convention Nov. 5, 1952	$2,409.85

Account Closed

RECAPITULATION

	10-15-52 Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	10-15-53 Balance
Conference Fund	$ 920.62	$ 398.25	$ 241.85	$1,077.02
Conf. Home Miss.	1,959.00	1,047.25	825.00	2,181.25
Va. Coun. of Chs.	285.25	435.50	500.00	220.75
Min. Ed. Fund	3,955.82	———	3,955.82	———
Min. Schol. F.	2,407.85	2.00	2,409.85	———
Totals	$9,528.54	$1,883.00	$7,932.52	$3,479.02

Balance October 15, 1952	$ 9,528.54
Receipts for the year	1,883.00
Total Balance	$11,411.54
Total Disbursements	7,932.52
Balance October 15, 1953	$3,479.02

Respectfully submitted: G. C. White, Treasurer.

*Note: a. The following notes and bills receivable of the Ministerial Education Fund were turned over to the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc. in accordance with the vote of the last session of conference.

1. Four Notes (original amount)	$ 500.00
2. Three Notes (original amount)	380.00
3. Six Notes (original amount)	900.00
4. Two Notes	205.00
5. Four Notes	625.00
6. One Note	10.00
7. One Note—Mission Bd., a/c Hopewell, April 12, '49	700.00
8. Interest on same to April 12, '52	42.00
9. One Note—Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., Jan. 2, 1951, Balance on Principal	1,750.00
10. Interest on same to Jan. 2, '53	106.25
Total	$5,218.25

b. The previous schedule of notes and bills receivable carries an item with Little Creek Church in the amount of $408.00 in principal and interest as of Dec. 6, 1952. There is no note for this amount payable to the Ministerial Education Fund. The obligation does exist, but whether it is an obligation of the Eastern Virginia Conference through its Home Mission Fund or of the Little Creek Church remains to be settled. In the meantime, there is a deficit of $408.00 in the Ministerial Education Fund between the report to conference in 1952 and this report of the transfer of assets in 1953.

Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, reported on the accomplishments and needs of the orphanage.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

The Evangelistic Committee has functioned during the year as progressively as the ministers and churches have allowed. In February they conducted three Evangelistic Rallies: one for the Suffolk area at Bethlehem; one for the Waverly area at Wakefield; and one for the Norfolk area at South Norfolk. Sixteen churches participated in these Rallies.

Of the twenty six churches reporting to the Committee, eight pastor's classes were held, eighteen revivals conducted, and four evangelistic campaigns launched by organized laymen. Four hundred thirteen members were received: one hundred seventy-eight by profession of faith and two-hundred thirty-five by transfer of letter.

The Commitee feels that some progress has been made in the field of evangelism, but at the same time we still are falling far short of what God expects in soul winning.

The Committee recommends that more churches conduct pastor's classes and more organized personal evangelistic campaigns by organized laymen. We urge that the ministers and churches cooperate more effectively with the Evangelistic Committee in carrying out the program set up by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted: Melvin Dollar, Chairman, A. Lanson Granger, Jr., O. D. Poythress, Eugene Talley, Mrs. Frank Lewis.

The report of the Eastern Virgnia Laymen's Fellowship was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

In both interest and influence it is felt that the work of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Eastern Virginia Conference has improved.

One major emphasis has been on doing something to encourage and promote a more general and active interest and participation of Laymen in their LOCAL church.

The attendance at our Bi-annual meetings has been large. The number of churches represented has increased. Mutual interest and participation in our programs, by both the Laymen and the Pastors, has been most gratifying. It is sincerely hoped, however, that we may soon have a participation which comes much nearer 100 per cent.

In keeping with the decision of the Executive Board and the expressed wishes of the Laymen assembled, the two-meetings-a-year plan has been followed.

The Newport News Church Laymen were hosts at our 1952 Fall Rally. Everyone was warmly welcomed, and that promised "out of this world" food was much in evidence.

For the afternoon session the Executive Committee had planned a Discussion-group meeting. Topics for discussion were:

1. How may we effect a more satisfactory adult grouping and promotion in our Sunday Schools? Led by C. F. Savage, Bethlehem Chistian Church.
2. Too few people of the community are members of, or active in, the church. What can Laymen do about this? Led by J. Vaughan Beal, Franklin Christian Church.
3. What are some of the specific jobs for Laymen? a. Local level? b. Conference level? c. Convention level?—Led by George Cornell, Berea (Nansemond) Christian Church.
4. What place should the Church have in the community?—Led by Norman Schlagel, Congregational Christian Temple.

5. Among how many officials or official bodies should the work of the church be divided, and what are the duties of each?—Led by John Halsted, Rosemont Christian Church.

There seemed to be only one serious regret—time was just too limited to take care of all the animated interest and desire for participation shown. Nevertheless, most members of each discussion group seemed to have been pleased with and profited by their experiences. A similar program is being planned for our 1953 Fall Rally to be held at Berea, Great Bridge, November 15th.

After the delicious dinner, and a much enjoyed Preachers' quartet, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle couched more in a few words than many could have done with a month of talking. His short address was superb. One layman who had driven 30 miles to reach Newport News remarked, "That address alone would have made the meeting worthwhile."

Again our Spring Rally was held at Planters' Club. The fun and fellowship at this meeting were most wholesome. The Worship Service led by Rev. H. E. Crutchfield was inspiring. Past President Mills E. Godwin, Jr. gave an interesting talk on Moonelon.

After a most ample and delicious dinner, the group was entertained, instructed and inspired by an address made by Rev. Ernest Emurian. That address will not soon be forgotten by many who were privileged to hear it.

At both Fall and Spring Rallies, Special numbers and the group singing led by W. H. Baker, "The Faithful," added spice to the programs.

Laymen in most of our churches seem to be growing increasingly interested in their opportunity and responsibility as churchmen, locally and Conference-Convention wide. With better organization and a more general appreciation among our churches of the part men can, and should play in the work of the Church, the Laymen's Fellowship will become a power for God and good among men.

Our churches are urged to join the increasing number of churches observing Layman's Sunday. By so doing the work of the Laymen's Fellowship will be much enhanced and every church profited. Eastern Virginia Laymen, plan now to attend the Fall Rally at Berea, Great Bridge, Nov. 15th. Respectfuly submitted: G. C. Mann, President.

Rev. Clarence Brown, Field Secretary of the Virginia Council of Churches, addressed the conference on the work of the Council.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Your committee wishes to report that it has carefully considered all matters brought to its attention and the several requests for financial help from our churches in the Eastern Virginia Conference.

We now recommend to the Conference that there be appropriated from our Home Mission Funds:

1. The sum of $300.00 to the Second Congregational Christian Church of Norfolk to be applied on their parsonage debt;
2. The sum of $300.00 to the Elm Avenue Congregational Christian Church of Portsmouth to be applied on Pastor's salary.
3. And the sum of $1,200.00 to the Bay View Congregational Christian Church of Norfolk preferably to help them with their efforst to purchase a church parsonage.

This committee feels that in each of the above mentioned churches there is a vital and pressing need for the funds allocated and that they will materially help these churches to do a greater work in their respective communities. The members of this committee feel that these churches are making a real effort to meet the opportunities before them. We earnestly believe that they deserve our prayers and are entitled to our help. Our wish is we could do more. The fields appear to be ripened unto the harvest and

may we, to whom much has been given, share gladly with those that need our help.

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, Rev. R. E. Brittle, Mills E. Goodwin, Jr., Chairman.

On motion it was voted:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the delegates of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches in annual session assembled, at Newport News, Virginia, on the 28th day of October, 1953.

First: That the trustees of the Eastern Virginia Conference are directed on behalf of this Conference and/or the Trustees and members of the Hobson Christian Church, to petition the Circuit Court of Nansemond County, Virginia for authority to sell, for a fair and reasonable price, at public or private sale, the real estate, with the buildings and improvements thereon, known as the Hobson Christian Church property, in Hobson, Nansemond County, Virginia.

Second: That the Trustees of this Conference, after selling the said property pursuant to order of the Court, shall collect, in cash, the purchase price thereof and pay same to the Treasurer of this Conference to be deposited in the general fund of said Conference.

The president reported that the Executive Committee had entered into a tentative agreement to sell the Hobson church building, the furnishings not included, for one thousand dollars.

On motion it was voted that the action of the Executive Committee be authorized in the event the court grants permission for the sale of the property.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." 2 Timothy 2:15.

Enlightenment has ever been synomous with the written word. The great Reformation of 400 years ago came because the Bible was made available to the common people. The masterpiece of literature and sourcebook of inspiration and guidance is the basis of all good reading.

Christian literature is "the powerful right arm of evangelism" and might well be the means of achieving Protestant unity. The Christian book store is wielding an increasing influence in breaking down prejudice and introducing Christian truth. However, it is of primary importance that we know the author and his convictions.

One of the highlights of the past year was the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This version, marked with clarity and insight, enables the reader to understand many of the passages which heretofore were clouded and obscured by the use of archaic terminology. We recommend the use of this version by our people.

We further recommend the revival of daily Bible reading in the home. It is generally conceded that "the nature of a person's religion has been set in many cases by the time the child is seven." Those early years in the home and Sunday School echo all through adult life. We can be ambassadors of Christ to the children in our homes.

We strongly urge the use of Sunday School materials which are published by our Pilgrim Press. Many of our churches do not use them because they can buy less expensive materials. But we always get what we pay for. Certainly we should be concerned with giving our people the best materials available. And our Pilgrim Press has them. There is the further objection voiced that the Pilgrim Materials require more work on the part of the teacher. And they do. But let us remind our people that the teacher has

a great privilege and a great responsibility in teaching. Therefore, she should be willing to give of her best to her task.

It should be our purpose to stimulate interest in *"The Christian Sun,"* which, since 1844, has inspired deeper unity among the churches and homes of our Conferences and Conventions. This last remaining weekly publication in our denomination provides an added means for our Christian witness. We recommend that each church endeavor to increase its subscriptions striving to place *The Christian Sun* in every home. We further urge all new members received into the church be given an introductory copy.

We also recommend the following religious magazines: *Advance,* which presents dynamically the work of our denomination at home and abroad; *The Pilgrim Highroad* and *Children's Religion,* which are unexcelled for Young People and Juniors, and *The Christian Herald,* which contains an excellent review of religious literature and other vital religious matter.

There are new ways of taking the message by picture and radio, which provide rich and varied means of reaching the hearts of men. The effective presentation of Christ today will depend upon the use of every possible method. We therefore recommend that in each church an Audio-Visual Committee be appointed to stimulate Bible study in all age groups, and to demonstrate the teaching power of pictures for the building of God's Kingdom.

"What is in thy hand?" These words spoken to Moses come to us as a divine call. In our hand are ways and means, methods and techniques, amazing and revolutionary, placed there by God. Guided by his Spirit in their use, we also may work miracles in bringing the world to Christ."

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. A. C. Moore, Rev. W. P. Smith, Rev. R. C. Helfenstein, Rev. J. W. Madren, Rev. E. F. Brickhouse.

Dr. W. T. Scott urged that *The Christian Sun* be supported by subscriptions.

The report of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Eighty-fourth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches was held at the Oakland Congregational Christian Church, Chuckatuck, Virginia, on July 21, 1953. Attendance was very good with a high degree of inspiration and interest being evidenced.

A special feature of the morning session was an able and inspirational address by Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, President of our Eastern Virginia Conference. He especially stressed the place and importance of the Sunday School in our Church program, the subject of his address being "The Sunday School, A Means To An End." The worship service given by the young people of Union Southampton Church and the devotional period by the young people of the Windsor Church were outstanding examples of what our young people are doing and can do. At the afternoon session with our Vice-President, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, as convener, we had a panel discussion on the subjects: "The Adult Teacher"; Youth in the Sunday School"; "Children's Work in the Sunday School"; "Points on Teaching in the Sunday School." Each of these subjects was presented by a recognized leader from several of our Sunday Schools.

Total receipts for the Convention were $1,077.85.

$900.00 was authorized to be given to the Board of Christian Education, representing an increase of $150.00 over the previous year.

Officers elected for the new year were: J. Letcher Eley, president; Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, vice-president; W. H. Baker, secretary; Miss Mary Lee Folk, treasurer.

The 1954 session will be held on Tuesday after the third Sunday in July at the Franklin Congregational Christian Church, Franklin, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted: J. Letcher Eley, President.

Rev. Ellis N. Clark, the representative of this Conference to the Virginia Church Temperance Council, spoke of the work of this organization.

On motion it was voted that the Finance Committee be directed to give serious consideraton to the possibility of making an appropriation of two hundred dollars ($200.00) to the Virginia Church Temperance Council.

Rev. J. E. Neese, pastor of the Second Congregational Christian Church, Norfolk, Virginia, presented a petition to the conference on behalf of the church asking that permisson be granted to change its name to "Central Congregational Christian Church" effective the beginning of the Conference year 1953-54 and the in-coming fiscal year.

On motion it was voted that permission be granted.

Rev. Ellis N. Clark informed the conference that the historical marker at the site of the old Lebanon Church in Surry County needs attention.

On moton it was voted that the Executive Committee be given authority to take whatever steps seem necessary.

The afternoon session adjourned after the benediction by Rev. W. P. Smith.

WEDNESDAY—NIGHT SESSION

The worship service was conducted by Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., pastor of the Newport News Congregational Christian Church, assisted by the choir of the church.

The service of licensure for Reuben Askew was conducted by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle. Dr. W. T. Scott and Dr. I. W. Johnson assisted in the service.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was presented.

Miss Alice M. Huggins, American Board Missionary to China, addressed the conference on her work and experiences in China.

The service of Holy Communion was conducted by Rev. Clyde L. Fields and Rev. Allen L. Hurdle, assisted by the Deacons of the Newport News Congregational Christan Church.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

The conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by President Jesse H. Dollar. Rev. Thomas H. Britton led the opening hymn and Rev. Harvey L. Carnes the prayer.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The foreword to the "Blue Book" prepared for the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Congregational Christian Churches which were held in Cleveland, Ohio in January 1953 carries in part the following statement by Dr. Truman Douglas:

> "The Missionary task is a continual reminder to the churches that they have not listened attentively to their Lord unless they have

heard his call to go out into the world. They are always being threatened with the deafness of introversion. The congregation which is mainly preoccupied with its own comfort, prosperity, and the enjoyment of its inner fellowship has obviously forgotten why it exists. It has surrendered its reason for being and its title to be called a church if it has ceased to hear its Lord's summons to be an instrument for the redemption of the world. . . . The missionary enterprise tests the adequacy of the church's hearing. Is it listening to the Gospel in its wholeness?"

The time once was when our world almost ended at our own front doors, but with the modern day modes of transportation, radio and television the world is now at our front door. Since the needs of the world are so vividly brought to our attention how can a church be content to see only its own needs and not hear the whole call of the gospel? The Master commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

The members of the Congregational Christian Churches can be proud of the work they are doing through our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. The Board was founded in 1810 "for the purpose of propagating the gospel in foreign lands by supporting missionaries, by diffusing a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and by maintaining appropriate Christian activities and institutions."

Statistics show that through our American Board, our churches have missions today in 14 countries: France, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Angola (Portuguest West Africa), Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, India, Ceylon, Japan, Philippines, Micronesia and Mexico. The most important part of our work on the foreign field is our organized churches, which number 2173, with a total of 540,000 in the Christian Community.

We have about 350 missionaries. In addition, we have more than 10,000 leaders in overseas churches and mission centers. The training of these national leaders is our most important emphasis.

Along with the churches, we support the following other institutions: 899 schools, including collegiate and theological types, and many elementary, high, and vocational schools; 22 hospitals, 32 dispensaries, treating annually about 250,0000 patients; 21 social centers serving daily more than 1,200 people.

While the statistics show that we have about 350 missionaries on the foreign field and about 10,000 national leaders, still these are not near enough workers—even as our budget is never sufficient. The American Board is seeking committed Christian men and women for unique overseas opportunities in the various countries in which we work.

From information in the hands of your committee it would appear that one church in our Eastern Virginia Conference directly supports a foreign mission project of its own—the Betty Gibson Bible Class of the Rosemont Church helps support a Bible Woman in India. All the churches in our Conference contribute to the general fund of foreign missions. For this we are grateful.

Our Missionary Education theme for 1953-54 is "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World." Ourtask is three-fold: To achieve Christian life and work in our own local church; to see that work as only partial when it is local, and to be completed only in relation to the entire community, the nation, and the world.

When Jesus gave the command to the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature he gave them their task! "Until every man is won for Christ, this task is a challenge to very Christian."

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. Russell T. Bradford, Rev. E. T. Farrell, Mrs. Garland Spratley, Mrs. W. B. Williams.

The report of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Forty-first annual session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference was held on Thursday, October 1, 1953 at ten o'clock in the Franklin Congregational Christian Church. The theme for the day was "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World." It was a lovely day and the church was filled to overflowing with representatives from forty-two churches in our conference.

Very encouraging reports were given as Mrs. G. C. Brittle told of the work in the Waverly District, Mrs. Ray Gordon spoke of the activities in the Suffolk District and Mrs. L. W. Vaughan read the report of Mrs. J. E. Neese, superintendent of the Norfolk District The reports of the departments and committees indicated the work is progressing.

Mrs. W. B. Williams, president of the Woman's Missionary Convention, presented the Thank Offering project, which will be our Mission on Mindanao. The Reverend Quentin Leisher, of Boston, Mass., a special representative of the American Board of Foreign Missions, used for his topic, "Our Task Around the World." Mr. Shepherd Johnson of Franklin sang as a solo, "My Task," and Mrs. Harvey L. Carnes sang "Great Peace Have They Which Love the Lord" during the afternoon session. Mrs. William T. Scott, president of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference, gave a most interesting account of her trip to the International Council, S. Andrew's, Scotland.

Mrs. George Cornell, the treasurer, reported our giving amounted to $10,271.96, of which $1,857.45 was our Thank Offering for our Carroll County Mission The amount contributed for Life Memberships and Memorials was $720.00 which will continue to go for Franklington Center.

The officers for 1953-1954 were installed by Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention: president, Mrs. Garland Spratley; vice-president and Friendly Service, Mrs. Ray Gordon; secretary, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. W. Stagg; treasurer, Mrs. George Cornell.

The Departmental Superintendents: Cradle Roll—Mrs. W. R. Skelly; Children—Mrs. Shirley Holland; Young People—Mrs. Clyde Fields.

The Chairmen of the Standing Committees: Spiritual Life—Mrs Raye Knight; Christian Family Life—Mrs. Millard Stevens; Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. E. G. Middleton; Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. W. H. Johnson; Visual Aids—Mrs. A. C. Moore.

District Superintendents: Waverly District—Mrs. Frank Sadomka; Norfolk district—Mrs. C. V. Hargrave; Suffolk District—Mrs. Legare H. Wilroy. Respectfully submitted: Mrs Garland W. Spratley, President.

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

A famed preacher of a former generation, Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, in his Lyman Beecher lectures declared, "We ought to work to redeem this world, not merely to populate the next." Our Lord taught us, in words which we repeat in our churches almost every Sunday, to pray: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth. . . ." The faith which we proclaim is not only that "Christ loved me, and gave Himself for me," but also that "God so loved the world." "God was in Christ," says Paul, "reconciling the world to Himself . . . entrusting to us the ministry of reconciliation."

The plain implication of all these statements seems to be that God is concerned not just to save men out of the world, but to save the world. He purposes to redeem our world in the totality of its life and all its human relationships.

As individual Christians and as churches we can never allow ourselves to forget therefore that our's is a social gospel as well as a personal gospel. Which is to say that like our Lord, we must care about and be concerned with all the influences which affect and shape the character and personality of persons. The gospel is not just for a segment of life, not for the inner

life alone, but is directed upon and is relevant to all our human relations.

With these thoughts as the premise of our faith, the Committee on Social Action wishes to submit to this conference he following considerations and recommendations:

1. We recommend that larger place be given within the program of our churches to the study of the relation of the Christian faith to our common life Some of our churches may find it wise to set up a Committee on Study and Social Action; others may wish to work through an already existing committee, board or organization. The Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York, will be glad to furnish materials as stimulus and guide, and we suggest that our churches write to the Council for their help.
2. In view of the cases pending before the Supreme Court dealing with segregation in the public schools, we urge our people to maintain an open mind in the matter until the Court has reached a decision, and that within our churches we seek in every way possible to assure that whatever decision the Court may hand down shall be accepted. To this end, we recommend that our churches make provision in their program to consider the question of segregation and the schools, and to prepare their own members and the community for the decision of the Court.
3. It has come to the attention of this Committee that there are a number of hotels and resorts within the state and in our area which practice discrimination against Jews. In at least one instance, a hotel is advertised as "catering exclusively to Christians." We believe that most of our people resent this use of our faith in an attempt to justify a practice whic his wholly unChristian, that it is a means of promoting religious and racial intolerance which should not be tolerated, that it represents an attitude more in line with Fascism and Communis mthan with our way of life. We therefore urge the people of our churches to let their opposition be known to this policy of discrimination wherever and whenever they may encounter it.
4. We recommend that our churches keep informed on the results of the studies being made by the special commission set up by the Governor of the State into the policies and practices of the Alcoholic Beverage Control.
5. We believe that the churches of our conference have a great opportunity to help relocate within our area refugees who will be coming to the United States as result of recently enacted legislation. We recommend hat as many of our churches as will lay this matter upon their hearts, study it, and endeavor to locate one or more families in their community.

Respectfully submitted: A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Rev. Roy C Helfenstein, G. C. Mann, J. Vaughan Beale.

Mr. W. B. Williams, Chairman of the Eastern Virginia Conference Committee for the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign reported that twenty-five of the churches of the conference have accepted the suggested quotas and urged the remaining churches to do so. The conference now stands within $10,000.00 of the goal of $51,000.00.

On motion it was voted:

In view of the rapid expansion in area and the increase in population of the Norfolk-Portsmouth and Newport News areas, be it resolved that:

1. The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches request the City Work Division of the Board of Home Missions of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches and the Missions Board of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc. to survey these areas with the prospect of organizing one or more new churches, and that the Eastern Virginia

Christian Missionary Association and the Conference Committee on Home Missions be requested to give all possible leadership and financial assistance to this project.

In the absence of the Historian, Dr. I. W. Johnson presented a number of interesting historial items he had gleaned from old records of the conference.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the records of the Conference Treasure, Mr. G. C. White, and have found them to be correct. We have verified the balances as shown by the bank statement and have found them correct.

The records of the Treasurer now show the following amounts:

Conference Fund as of October 15, 1953	$1,077.02
Collections since October 15, 1953	65.00
	1,142.02
Less Payment for the Annual	209.00
Net amount in Conference Fund, Oct. 28, 1953	$ 933.02
Conference Home Missions Fund Oct. 15, 1953	$2,181.25
Collections since October 15, 1953	175.00
Net amount in Conference Home Missions Fund as of October 28, 1953	$2,356.25
Virginia Council of Churches Fund Oct. 15, 1953	$ 220.75
Collections since October 15, 1953	34.00
Net amount in Virginia Council of Churches Fund as of October 28, 1953	$ 254.75

We authorize the Treasurer to transfer $70.25 from the Conference Fund to the Virginia Council of Churches Fund to make up the amount to $325.00.

We authorize the Treasurer to pay from the Conference Fund the amount of $200.00 to the Virginia Church Temperance Council.

We recommend the payment of the following from the Conference Fund.

Premium on Treasurer's Bond	$ 5.00
Secretary's Salary	50.00
Secretary's Expenses	12.00
President's Expenses	6.00
Treasurer's Expenses	25.00

We further recommend that payment be made for any miscellaneous bills contracted by the Conference from the Conference Fund upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted: W. H. Baker, Rev. R. E. Brittle.

The Committee on Place reported an invitation from the Rosemont Congregational Christian Church, South Norfolk, Virginia.

On motion it was voted that the invitation be accepted.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and the following officers, delegates and representatives elected.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your committee makes the following nominations and recommendations:

President	Rev. J. E. Neese
Vice-President	Mr. W. B. Williams
Secretary	Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.
Treasurer	Mr. G. Chapman White

Executive Board of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian, Churches, Inc.—Rev. Clyde L. Fields.
Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches—Dr. R. C. Helfenstein, Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, Dr. W. M. Stevens, Rev. Allen L. Hurdle.
Virginia Church Temperance Council—Rev. Ellis N. Clark.

1. That the Executive Committee be empowered to elect as delegates to the next session of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc. persons nominated by the churches to which they belong and that the Executive Committee further be empowered to fill any vacancies.
2. That the Executive Committee be empowered to nominate delegates to the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

Respectfully submitted: Rev. E. T. Farrell, Rev. T. Fred Wright, Mrs. Frank Lewis.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

1. That we express our appreciation to those responsible for the program of the conference sessions and commend the officers for the punctual execution of the program.
2. That we make expression of gratitude to Rev. Clarence M. Brown, of the Virginia Council of Churches, and Miss Alice M. Huggins, of the American Board, for their informative and inspiring contributions to the conference program; and to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill and Dr. W. T. Scott for their continuing counsel and helpfulness.
3. That we convey our thanks to Dr. Jesse H. Dollar for his splendid leadership of the conference and his help to the churches during his terms as conference president.
4. That we urge the churches to give serious consideration to their responsibilities with reference to support of Elon College and the Christian Orphanage; and that the *Christian Sun* be commended to the churches and their members as an excellent means of being informed concerning the activties and plans of our Congregational Christian fellowship.
5. That we note with regret the indisposition of Dr. N. G. Newman and Mr. John T. Kernodle and express our prayers to Almighty God in their behalf; that we request the secretary to convey to them our prayerful concern.
6. That we bring before the churches the pressing need of greater numerical strength in the congregations of our fellowship and recommend that special efforts in evangelism be made by the churches during the coming conference year.
7. That we express, by standing, our deep appreciation to the pastor and members of the First Congregational Christian Church, Newport News, for the gracious manner in which they have entertained the one hundred thirty-third annual session of the Eastern Virginia Conference, for their cooperation in the conduct of the conference musical and worship programs, for their excellent meals, and their hospitality in entertaining delegates in their homes.

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Rev. O. D. Poythress and Rev. Thomas H. Britton, Chairman.

On motion it was voted that the conference records and minutes for the year be printed in *The Annual,* and that 300 copies be secured and pro-rated among the churches.

On motion it was voted that the president and secretary complete and approve the minutes of this conference.

On motion it was voted that the secretary of the conference in calling the 1954 session request the pastors of the churches to make meal reservations with the host church for delegates and visitors from the church or churches he serves.

On motion it was voted that conference adjourn following the Worship Service conducted by Dr. I. W. Johnson, and that it meet in its 134th annual session with the Rosemont Congregational Christian Church, South Norfolk, Virginia on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1954.

The newly elected president appointed the following standing committees:

CONFERENCE STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive—J. Everette Neese, W. B. Williams, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, Thomas H. Britton.

Ministerial Education—H. S. Hardcastle, N. G. Newman, W. Millard Stevens, J. E. McCauley, I. W. Johnson.

Apportionments—S. T. Holland, J. P. Dalton, Floyd Turner, Ellis N. Clark, G. C. White.

Home Missions—Mills E. Godwin, Jr., R. E. Brittle, H. E. Crutchfield, Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Mrs. G. C. Brittle.

Foreign Missions—Jesse H. Dollar, W. P. Smith, Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. Garland Spratley.

Evangelism—Melvin Dollar, O. D. Poythress, A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Mrs. Frank H. Lewis, Eugene Tally.

Christian Education—Earl T. Farrell, Letcher Eley, C. E. Reynolds, Jr., Mrs. William T. Harrell, Miss Rebecca Mann.

Religious Literature—Mrs. A. C. Moore, R. C. Helfenstein, Miss Ruth Dunn, W. H. Baker, James Madren.

Stewardship—W. Millard Stevens, Allen L. Hurdle, W. B. Williams, Clyde Fields, T. Fred Wright.

Social Action—A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Roy C. Helfenstein, Harvey L. Carnes, G. C. Mann, J. Vaughan Beale.

Program—J. Everette Neese, W. B. Williams, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, Thomas H. Britton, Earl T. Farrell, Melvin Dollar.

Place—Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Memoirs—I. W. Johnson, M. E. Taylor, John Gallo.

JESSE H. DOLLAR, *President*
JAMES H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
Secretary

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MORNING SESSION

The Conference was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by the president, the Rev. Fred P. Register.

A Devotional Service was conducted by the Rev. Julius P. Rice.

The following ministers and delegates were enrolled:

MINISTERS

J. Frank Apple, Emory M. Carter, *Fred B. Eustler, W. Clay Farrell, William A. Grissom, *J. B. Howard, Richard L. Jackson, *J. Lee Johnson, Kenneth M. Lindner, *S. Wade Marr, Will B. O'Neill, *W. L. Parker, E. M. Powell, Fred P. Register, *William R. Steininger, George M. Tally, Carl E. Wallace, William M. Wood, William A. Rich, Charles Jones.

Members of the Biblical Class—John P. Littiken, Carl J. Dixon, *Gilbert Marsh, *Hamilton Witter.

Note—Ministers designated by an asterisk (*) did not attend conference.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Amelia—T. N. Doughtry, S. E. Woodall, Mrs. Estelle Penny.
Antioch—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Carroll.
Auburn—A. J. Ford, Mrs. A. J. Ford, Mrs. Gladys Allen.
Bethlehem—Mrs. J. H. Spragins, Mrs. T. J. Gray.
Bethel—
Beulah—Mrs. Fletcher Richards, Jr.
Catawba Springs—
Chapel Hill—Mrs. Lindsay Nevlle, Mrs. George Nicholson.
Christian Chapel—R. B. Dickens, Mrs. A. M. Cotten, Mrs. Herbert Dean.
Christian Light—E. M. Blanchard, E. C. Blanchard.
Clayton—
Damascus—Robert W. Daniel, Jerome Crabtree.
Ebenezer—
Fayetteville—Douglass Hitt.
Fullers Chapel—Mrs. S. G. Coghill, Mrs. R. E. Moss, Mrs. J. W. Grissom.
Good Hope—Mrs. William Davis, Mr. Wiliam Davis, Mrs. Melvin Bailey.

Hayes Chapel—Mrs. Robert Goss, Mrs. Frank Carroll.
Henderson—I. H. Vickery, Mrs. J. F. Apple, E. L. Forsyth, A. S. Newman.
Hope Mills—
Lebanon—Mrs. R. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pattishall.
Lee's Chapel—E. G. Hall, Mrs. Joe Watson.
Liberty-Vance—F. B. Fuller, Jr., Mrs. J. D. Newman, Ruina Winn.
Martha's Chapel—Mrs. H. T. Wilson, Alma B. Council.
Moore Union—Mrs. Cyrus Womack, C. P. Maddox, Mrs. H. P. Womack.
Morrisville—Mrs. C. J. Green, Mrs. J. Fleming Hilliard, Mrs. R. P. Gupton.
Mt. Auburn—
Mt. Carmel—Mr. William D. Munn, Mrs. W. D. Munn, Miss Emma Mitchell.
Mt. Gilead—
Mt. Hermon—
New Elam—Mrs. R. L. Trotter, Miss Mary Webster, Miss Blanche Holt.
New Hope—Mrs. Joe Hoyle, Odell Arnold.
Niagara—Mrs. B. C. Morgan, Mrs. Irene P. Tener.
Oak Level—E. R. Hudson, W. H. Hudson.
O'Kelly's Chapel—
Piney Plain—Charles F. Cowley, Mrs. C. W. Franklin.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Zeb Byrd, Zeb Byrd, Jr., Carl Dixon.
Pleasant Union—
Plymouth—C. L. Pearson, Leroy Sealey.
Pope's Chapel—Mrs. J. C. Pergerson, Ethel M. Holmes, Mrs. O. M. Evans.
Raleigh—L. L. Vaughan, Susie Allen.
Sanford—Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McIver.
Shallow Well—Charlie Watson, Henry Todd, S. S. Thomas.
Six Forks—Inactive.
Southern Pines—R. W. Tate, Mrs. Bryan Poe.
Turner's Chapel—Mrs. William Cooper, Mrs. B. C. Dawson.
Wake Chapel—Mrs. C. W. Russum, Mrs. A. Glyndon Johnson, D. J. Ellis, A. G. Johnson.
Wentworth—Mrs. Virgil Sorrell, Mrs. Leon Roberts, Mrs. Wilton Fish.

The following visitors were introduced to the conference: Dr. W. T. Scott, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. John Truitt, Rev. T. F. Wright, Rev. Julus Rice, Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Rev. Thomas Sutton, Rev. Richard Peterson, Rev. W. W. Snyder, Dr. F. C. Lester (all ministers of the Southern Convention) and Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.

The program committee chairman, Dr. W. B. O'Neill, presented the program which was adopted subject to such changes as may be necessary.

W. J. Ballentine presented the treasurer's report as follows:

INCOME

Balance on hand October 15, 1952	$ 440.81
Oct. 16, 1952: Received on Conference Fund and Insurance	1,238.00
	$1,678.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 25, 1952 to North Carolina of Churches	$ 50.00	
Oct. 25, 1952 to Dr. H. S. Hardcastle	15.00	
Oct. 30, 1952 to Rev. E. M. Carter	60.95	
Dec. 3, 1952—Pastor's Insurance	738.12	
		864.07
		$ 814.74

W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer*

By motion the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

The president appointed the following special committees:
Nominating—L. L. Vaughn, Rev. Carl Wallace, Pattie Lee Coghill.
Place—Rev. W. A. Grissom, T. N. Daughtry, Odell Arnold.
Press—I. H. Vickery, Dr. W. B. O'Neill, Rev. Kenneth Lindner.
Resolutions—Susie Allen, Rev. W. A. Rich, Margaret Alston.
Finance—A. H. McIver, A. G. Johnson, Rev. J. F. Apple.
Memoirs—Rev. R. L. Jackson.

The theme of the Conference was announced as "Our Church."

Mrs. W. T. Scott read a paper prepared by Dr. Scott on "Our Beginnings."

Dr. Willam Wisseman spoke on "Our Beliefs and Practices."

Both of the above were enthusiastically received and suggestions were made that both be made available for our churches.

Rev. G. M. Talley gave a prayer of dismission.

A Fellowship Period followed for 30 minutes.

The following Committee reports were presented:

Committee on Evangelism by Rev. J. F. Apple.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

John R. Mott, one of the world's greatest Christian statesmen, once said, "The world is waiting for the witness of the people called Christians." This is just as true today as ever. We as children of God should take this statement seriously. It is not more religion that the world needs today. There is plenty of religion. The greatest need is not a revival of religion, but a revival of Christianity. If we are to have this revival we must engage in a "fiery" evangelism. The supreme business or task of Christianity, the Church, is the saving of the lost. There are many activities going on in the church today; but how many of these activities are geared to the saving of the lost?

Someone has said, "The saving of souls will save our souls, the souls of our churches." Fiery evangelism can save the church. It will have us professing Christians from a life of futility. We need an evangelism that will prove to be a throbbing heart that will pump life blood into the spiritual body of the Church. There is nothing that can do more to unite the hearts and minds of God's people.

How can we have such a revival? It must come from men and women who go about their work putting God in what they do, men and women who believe in prayer, men and women who want to make God real to humanity. May God fill our churches with such. Let us pray that God may

help us all to make soul-winning the very heart and soul of our work and witness in a civilization that is on trial right now.

Dwight L. Moody used to say, "The best way to revive the church is to build a fire in the pulpit." The minister knows how easy it is to let the fire burn down to cold ashes in the pulpit. The laymen in our churches can make or unmake the man in the pulpit. May God give us ministers, laymen, laywomen, young people and children with a burning desire for the salvation of the lost.

Therefore, we your committee make the following recommendations:

1. That our pastors be more evangelistic throughout the year.
2. That we stress evangelism in every way possible, using every method we know, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
3. That we call upon our Sunday School officers, teachers, and lay leaders to proclaim the Gospel of repentance and confession of sin and the mercy and the forgiveness of God.
4. That we call upon all our people to pray earnestly for a mighty revival in our midst.
5. That a special season be set aside in each church sometime during the year for a definite spiritual awakening.

J. FRANK APPLE, *Chairman*
G. M. CALLEY
CHARLES AUSTIN

The report on Religious Literature prepared by Mrs. Carl Wallace was read by the secretary as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Wise people for ages past have recognized that we are greatly influenced by what we read. In the average church today where little else is read religiously except the literature of the local church school, one can readily see the importance of the kind of literature used. Many advantages are seen for our schools which use the materials of our own Pilgrim Press. The members of these schools are taught an awareness and an understanding of the Congregational Christian Church. This literature finds a place for teaching missions, social relations and other phases of Christian Living not often mentioned by non-denominational publishing companies having lesser obligations in these broader fields. Also, the language and thoughts of our own literature are more akin, in most cases, to the preaching heard from our pulpits. This makes for a more satisfying church relationship. Observation reveals that more and more of our churches are realizing these needs and are changing to the Pilgrim Press Literature.

The *Christian Sun* continues to shine its rays of warmth on our E. N. C. Conference. Our goal for subscriptions is 1,377 and to date we have fallen far short of this mark. Remember this is our paper and our means of organizational contact one with the other. We need the *"Sun"* and the *"Sun"* needs us.

There are many sources of information as to good religious literature and books. The pastor should always have a ready list for interested members. A reminder is made here, however, of the religious section of your local library and the section of the Pilgrim Press Catalogue marked "Books."

In consideration of the above report this Committee recommends:

1. That each church strive towards the use of our own denominational literature in every department of training in the local program.
2. That the subscription quota for the *Christian Sun* be seriously accepted by each church and definite plans made as to responsibility and actions for accomplishing this goal.

MRS. CARL E. WALLACE
MRS. R. M. CLINE
MRS. SAMUEL COGHILL

The report for the committee on Stewardship was presented by the chairman, Rev. Clay Farrell:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

"Christian Stewardship is the systematic giving of time, abilities and material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God to be used in His service for the benefit of all mankind." (Stewardship Council).

From the teaching of the Scripture it is clear that Bible Stewardship means at least three things: (1) The acknowledgement of God's ownership of all things; (2) The acceptance of what we are and have as a trust from God; (3) The administration of the same according to the will of God.

The church has nothing to sell. Our relationship to God and His Church is not that of buyer and seller—it is that more blessed one of giver and receiver. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son; Christ loved us and gave Himself for us; Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift; freely ye have received, so freely shall ye give."

Many political and religious leaders of today are declaring that the only hope for civilization is in a change of heart upon the part of men and nations. We believe that only the Lord Jesus Christ is able to bring about this change of heart, and that it is up to those of us who know Him as Personal Saviour, to make Him known to the world. To do this we should renew our efforts to enlist all our people in the stewardship of personality, powers, and possessions.

We believe that men without Christ are lost, and can be saved only by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore the first and most important work of the church today, is preaching the Gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Our Lord Jesus taught that one soul is of more value than all the material things of the world. "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul. . . ." Matt. 16:26.

Christian Stewardship in its deeper meaning will give us a new sense of values, and will transform the Church, now largely static, into a Church dynamic. If we are to have stewardship churches we must have stewardship pastors, and a stewardship program for the local church. Therefore we are asking our ministers to accept, practice, preach, teach, and promote Christian Stewardship in their churches.

Your Stewardship Committee met in Fuquay Springs in May. At this meeting it was decided to send a letter to every church in the Conference, recommending a program of finance for this year. We have received very few reports from this letter. We wish to recommend the following:

1. That a stewardship institute for ministers and lay leaders be held some time during the year, those attending to conduct a similar institute in their local church.
2. That every church have a budget, which would include the church's entire financial plans for the coming year; and that every member be furnished a copy in order that he may be better informed as to the money expended by his church.
3. That every church elect a finance committee (consisting of three to five members) whose duty is to prepare a church budget that will meet the needs of the church at home and abroad, and to present this to the church for approval.
4. As a church makes financial plans, so the individual ought to make plans. Therefore, we recommend that every member be given the opportunity to indicate how much he plans to give to the church during the coming year. Such an opportunity may be given during a loyalty service held near the end of the church year. Members not present at this service may be given the same opportunity by lay

visitation the same day if possible. Rural churches may use the LORD'S ACRE plan in connection with the above, if so desired.

W. C. FARRELL, *Chairman*
T. N. DAUGHTRY
CARY POWELL, JR.

Rev. Fred Register made a report of a Stewardship Institute conducted by Dr. Warren Dennison in the Wake Chapel Church.

Rev. Carl Wallace read the following report on Christian Education:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The effectiveness of Christian Education is dependent upon at least three conditions: Buildings, Leadership, and Spirit. The Eastern North Carolina Conference has shown some activity in these three areas during the past year. Many of our churches have either begun or completed class rooms or education plants allowing for closer grading of pupils and a more effective educational program. In March of this year the Superintendents and their assistants met in Durham for dinner and a training program. In July of this year the annual Sunday School Convention was held at Fuller's Chapel Church with 22 of our Schools represented. The theme for the day was, "Evangelism Through the Sunday Schools." In addition to the conference programs of training, some of the local churches have had extensive programs of teacher and officer training.

The Youth of our conference under the capable leadership of Miss Bettie Burt Hight have held quarterly rallies either by districts or as a conference. These have been most informative and inspiring.

In consideration of the past year's program and with hope for a better year ahead this committee makes the following recommendations to the churches of the Eastern North Carolina Conference:

1. That the leaders of the Sunday Schools be continuously reminded of the need for cooperation with the conference program of training.
2. That each church plans next year to include some phase of officer-teacher training in its local program.
3. That each local church accept responsibility, by a definite plan, for the youth program of the church.
4. That "College Day" be discreetly observed and a continuous emphasis throughout the year placed upon Elon College as our center of higher education.
5. That due to the cloudy relationship between the Conference and the Sunday School Convention, this Conference consider the possibility of a motion that will automatically make the President of the Sunday School Convention either chairman of the Committee on Christian Education, if deemed capable, or at least a member of this Committee. (Note: This will subordinate the Sunday School Convention to the Conference and make for a more systematic organization of responsibilities in the work of Christian Education in our Conference. Thus the Committee on Christian Education, instead of the President of the Sunday School Convention, will be responsible for our program of education as a Conference. The Committee on Christian Education acting in this capacity will eliminate the need of a Sunday School Convention Planning Committee.)

CARL WALLACE, *Chairman*
W. L. WOOD
K. M. LINDNER

The Committee on Social Action made the following report: (Rev. W. A. Grissom, chairman).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

Your committee on Social Action regretfully reports no real work accomplished through the Committee. This report then must be in the

form of general suggestions in the field of Social Action. Your Committee does feel, however, that many of our Churches are becoming familiar with the term Social Action through their own efforts and farsightedness and should be commended. They are learning that this broad inclusive term speaks of the heart of the Christian Gospel which is not content only to learn the demands of our Lord but see them accepted only as they are lived and put into practice in our lives and in our Churches.

We are called upon continually to give of our money, our time, our food and clothing that the needy people throughout the world might be fed and clothed. We need continually to face the question, shall we walk the path today in the spirit of the priest and Levite or bend down with the helping hand of the Good Samaritan? Can we feel guiltless that even as the cries for help come from suffering humanity across the sea, we are tearing down our barns to build bigger? Should we not hear the words of our Lord again as He said, "Not everyone that sayeth Lord, Lord, but he that doeth . . ."? The Church World Service of the National Council of Churches has tried to answer this call through CROP. We urge you to support this enterprise that it might be said of us: "I was hungry and you fed me."

There is a mounting tension and hysteria today over race relations. Especially is this true in the South with regards to our Negro brethren. It is urged that our Churches keep sane and calm on this question and seek to base our thoughts and actions on the principles of Christ. From a report of the General Council of 1948 I quote: "We recognize that our Churches and our society are involved in a racial division and injustices which are contrary to God's will. We will call our Churches to confess their own guilt, and to acknowledge their responsibility for renewed efforts toward the integration, in our Churches and in our society, of all persons on the basis of equality and mutual respect. Employment practices and real estate covenants that discriminate against people because of their race, creed, or national origin are problems which the Christian conscience cannot evade."

The Churches in America are bewildered in the midst of the growing ravages of alcoholic beverages. The use of intoxicating liquors is on the increase to an alarming degree. It gives us an uneasy conscience to know that alcoholics in America are increasing at the rate of more than 50,000 a year, and that problem drinkers are increasing more than 200,000 a year. Statistics prove that this great increase is in younger boys and girls of high school and college ages. It should give us no less uneasiness to know that the United States has a greater percentage of alcoholics than any other nation in the world. Here is a challenge to the Christian Church. The problem is a moral one, not political.

Social Action involves the whole of Christian living. The first and greatest commandment that we should love God with all our hearts is equaled only by one—that we love our neighbors as ourselves. He only is neighborly who shows mercy and kindness to those in need.

W. A. GRISSOM, *Chairman*
E. M. POWELL
W. A. RICH

Rev. Carl Wallace made the following report on Home Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The attention of the Home Mission Effort of this conference for the past year has been focused on the new Eutaw Community Church in Fayetteville, N. C. This is the first new church of the Eastern North Carolina Conference in many years. Under the wise leadership of Dr. F. C. Lester this group has been able to complete the first unit of a proposed campus-type church and plans are now made for an extensive growing campaign. Much of the optimism and hope held by our Conference for this new church has been made possible because of the help of the National and

Local Home Mission Boards, the Church Building and Loan Fund, and the Conference Missionary Association.

Lee's Chapel Church has also attracted much attention on the home front by the completion of a new church building made possible by a loan from the Church Building and Loan Fund.

The Southern Pines Church has just completed a beautiful, modern educational plant also made possible partly through Home Missions and the Church Building and Loan Fund.

Other churches in our Eastern North Carolina Conference have made much progress and even though they received no help from any organized home mission program outside the local church, their efforts should be acknowledged as home mission work.

Realizing that the Church Building and Loan Fund has played a dominant role in our Home Mission Program for the past year, we of this committee do duly recognize the 19 churches of our Conference who have subscribed to their quota of this home mission endeavor.

Recognition is also made of the 14 churches of our Conference who contributed to Elon College through the Sustaining Fund as recorded in the last annual report. This too is a part of our larger home mission obligation.

In consideration of the above report this committee recommends for the coming year that:

1. All churches in the Eastern North Carolina Confeernce accept as a minimum goal the complete payment of all apportionments.
2. All churches, not having already accepted their quota for the Church Building and Loan Fund, accept this privilege as soon as possible.
3. All churches, not already doing so, strive to help Elon College through the Sustaining Fund and by encouragement of personal gifts to this most worthy enterprise.
4. This conference give serious consideration to the plan of combining the office of president of the Conference Missionary Association and the Chairmanship of the Committee on Home Missions in an effort to consolidate conference home mission information and activity.
5. All church members of this conference be conscientiously concerned and pray for home mission work for the coming year and especially for our new church in Fayetteville.

CARL WALLACE
E. M. CARTER
W. L. PARKER

I. H. Vickery presented a report on the local progress of the Church Building and Loan Fund in the Conference. Martin Gerren spoke on the "Building and Loan Fund Across the Nation." Rev. Fred Register spoke on "Our Opportunity."

The closing prayer for the morning was given by Rev. E. M. Carter, after which the conference adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session of the conference was called to order by the president at 2 P. M. After a hymn and prayer by Rev. William Rich, Dr. L. E. Smith spoke on "Our Church and Higher Educaton."

Dr. A. J. Walton spoke on "The Rural Church's Opportunity" after which the conference recessed for a meeting of the Christian Missionary Association.

Rev. Richard Jackson made the following report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

When someone asked Phillips Brooks what he would do first if he were called to be a pastor of a broken-down church—a church without a building, unable to support a pastor and torn by internal dissension—he made this reply, "I should get all the people together, preach the greatest sermon I could on world wide missions, and take the best offering I could for heathen lands."

Phillips Brooks understood that the vitality of a church depends not upon the condition of its physical facilties nor on the eloquence of its minister nor on the wealth and influence of its members—but it does depend upon that church's conception of its task. Any church, be it large or small, which conceives its fundamental responsibility to be that of "ministering rather than being ministered unto" will be a vital, growing, fruitful church.

Many of our churches have the mistaken idea that their own needs are so important that they must pass up giving to others this year. They believe that they can grow most rapidly by concentrating on themselves. Such is not the case, for the less a church spends for the needs of others, the less it has for itself, and conversely, the more it gives to others, the more it has for its own work.

Recent statistical tables show that the Southern Convention spends more upon its own work than any state conference in the Unied States except California. The percentage we give to foreign missions is the lowest of any state, and last year it showed a decline of $2,000. Of the 42 state conferences, only 11 showed a decline in giving, one of which was our own. These are facts we had better ponder a long time.

The need this year for continuing and expanding our foreign mission work is tremendous. With two out of three people of the world suffering from malnutrition, and an equal number illiterate, there is no time to retrench. People by the millions in many parts of the world suffer—fathers, mothers, little children, the lonely, and the abandoned. They are hungry, sick, persecuted, destitute, nearly naked, cold, bitter, bewildered, abused, neglected and afraid.

Your committee makes the following recommendations to the churches:

1. That each church not only pay its mission apportionment in full, but that a special Over-and-Above offering be taken at Easter time for our World Christian Mission.
2. That each church have at least one missionary speaker and devote one period during the year for missionary education of its membership.

RICHARD L. JACKSON, *Chairman*
MRS. C. A. BALLENTINE
MISS MARGARET ALSTON

Mrs. R. L. Jackson spoke on "Our Missionary Responsibility."

Rev. Carl Key made an appeal for support of the Chrstian Rural Overseas Program.

Rev. Morton Kurtz spoke on behalf of the North Carolina Conference of Churches.

S. H. Basnight presented the following report on Apportionments:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS

There have been three complaints on the Apportionments but we don't feel any of them are too serious and have written to all three of those complaining asking that they please try to raise the apportionment allotted this time and that apportionments will be changed at the next General Convention in 1954.

Therefore, we suggest that the present apportionments allotted to the various churches remain as they are until the 1954 Convention. These apportionments are listed on page 204 of Volume Eighty-One of the Annual.

Any who feel that their apportionment is too large should simply pay what they feel like they should pay, and I am sure there will be no questions asked because, after all, this business of collecting money for the church is not a compulsory sort of thing and can't be collected that way. It is a free-will offering and the allotments are necessarily suggestions and this does not necessarily mean that they are absolutely fair in every instance. Some may not have been alloted enough and others may feel like they are asked for too much. Our suggestion is to do the best you can and even angels can't do better.

We hope that all the churches will support 100 per cent our entire program and that all the churches will make it a habit to pay monthly and quarterly where possible as it will materially help in every instance in getting the full amount. Please bear this in mind.

S. H. BASNIGHT, *Chairman*
A. H. MCIVER
REV. W. A. GRISSOM

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE—1953-1954

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Fund	Convention Home Missions and Church Extension Fund	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarships	Christian Sun	National Board of Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund and Minister's Insurance	1953-54 Total
Amelia ..	$ 52	$ 22	$ 7	$ 22	$ 22	$ 4	$ 3	$ 19	$ 21	$ 10	$ 31	$ 213
Antioch ..	36	13	7	17	17	4	2	11	11	10	24	152
Auburn ..	84	41	14	48	48	7	6	36	40	10	36	370
Bethel ...	52	22	7	22	22	3	3	19	21	3	10	184
Bethlehem	33	9	3	6	6	2	2	8	9	8	15	101
Beulah ..	52	22	7	18	18	2	3	19	21	29	52	243
Ca'ba Sps.	94	42	15	91	91	7	9	37	41	13	51	491
Chap. Hill	69	30	11	34	34	6	5	26	29	5	23	272
Ch.Chapel	61	27	9	31	31	7	4	24	27	13	32	266
Chr. Light	71	34	14	45	45	6	5	30	32	16	40	338
Clayton ..	61	27	11	33	33	4	4	24	25	13	13	248
Damascus	61	26	9	29	29	2	4	23	25	9	18	235
Ebenezer .	69	29	11	45	45	4	5	25	27	13	40	313
Fay.-Eut.	52	23	15	25	25	3	5	20	18	3	10	199
Fuller's C.	69	27	9	33	33	5	4	24	27	12	30	273
Good Hope	42	19	7	18	18	3	3	16	18	10	20	174
Hayes Ch.	42	19	7	18	18	3	3	16	18	6	16	165
Henderson	100	48	20	94	94	9	10	42	45	25	61	548
Hope Mills	42	24	9	28	28	2	3	21	24	4	12	197
Lebanon .	38	15	5	18	18	2	2	13	14	4	14	143
Lee's Ch. .	38	15	5	19	19	3	3	13	14	6	16	151
Lib., Van.	232	129	45	216	216	20	23	114	127	36	101	1,259
Mart. Ch.	38	16	7	12	12	2	2	15	14	8	14	140
Moore Un.	48	23	9	12	12	4	4	20	21	10	23	186
Mor'sville	31	13	9	21	21	5	3	11	9	5	16	144
Mt.Aub'rn	107	62	30	91	91	8	9	54	54	10	36	552
Mt.Carmel	48	22	7	21	21	3	3	19	21	10	23	198
Mt. Gilead	82	41	14	34	34	6	5	36	40	18	36	346
Mt.Herm.	42	19	7	34	34	2	3	16	18	8	22	205
New Elam	117	62	18	62	62	9	9	54	63	29	58	543
New Hope	61	28	11	30	30	5	4	25	27	23	49	293
Niagara ..	25	10	4	10	10	7	2	9	9	3	19	108
Oak Level	61	28	11	31	31	5	4	25	27	10	29	262
O'Kelly C.	25	5	1	5	5	1	2	5	6	3	7	65
Piney Pl.	88	41	14	52	52	6	6	36	40	8	23	366
Pleas.Hill	48	23	9	39	39	4	4	20	21	9	15	231
Pl. Union	73	41	14	61	61	3	6	36	40	16	27	378
Plymouth	48	23	9	39	39	4	4	20	21	14	24	245
Pope's Ch.	61	27	9	36	36	5	4	24	27	10	24	263
Raleigh ..	127	72	23	73	73	10	10	63	72	32	58	613
Sanford ..	92	45	14	82	82	7	9	39	45	21	47	483
Shal. Well	84	41	14	54	54	6	7	36	40	18	49	403
Six Forks	29	10	4	7	7	1	2	9	9	13	3	94
Sou. Pines	71	45	14	63	63	8	10	39	45	21	57	436
Turner C.	48	23	9	42	42		5	20	21	8	24	242
Wake Ch.	146	78	20	220	220	15	18	69	82	23	68	959
Went'orth	48	26	14	56	56	3	5	22	21	10	24	285
Yo'gsville	40	17	9	15	15	3	4	15	14	5	12	149
Totals	$3,138	$1,504	$551	$2,112	$2,112	$239	$255	$1,317	$1,441	$603	$1,452	$14,724

The Executive Committee made the following report which was adopted:

The Executive Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, meeting during the session of the Conference at the Shallow Well Church on Oct. 20, 1953 voted to submit the following to confeernce:

Voted: that the program committee be instructed to plan for a one-day session of conference in the fall of 1954, and that the Executive Committee, if it deems advisable, plan for a spring meeting of an educational and inspirational nature.

A recommendation was made that next year the reports of the various committees be sent to each church in advance of the Conference meeting. Adopted by common consent.

L. L. Vaughn made the following report of the nominating committee:

President, Dr. W. B. O'Neill; Vice President, Rev. Carl Wallace; Secretary, Rev. Richard L. Jackson; Treasurer, W. J. Ballentine; Laymen at large on the Executive Committee, T. N. Daughtery and A. G. Johnson; Representative on N. C. Council of churches, Rev. W. A. Grissom and Rev. F. P. Register; Representative to the Executive Board of the Southern Convention Class of 1954-1958, Miss Susie Allen.

A motion was passed to instruct the secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for the above officers. This was done.

A motion was adopted by the conference as follows:

Be it resolved that the Eastern North Carolina Conference consider the more effective use of its laymen as officers of the conference.

The chairman of the Committee on the Ministry made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

We, the members of this Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That the name of Robert A. McLean be dropped from the list of Licentiates of this Conference, he having removed his Church membership to a Church of another denomination.
2. That John P. Littiken be continued as a Candidate for the Ministry in the Biblical Class and that he be licensed on the satisfactory completion of his sophomore year at Elon College.
3. That Gil Marsh, a member of United Church, Chapel Hill and a student at Yale Divinity School, be received as a candidate for the Ministry in the Biblical Class.
4. That Hamilton Witter, a member of United Church, Chapel Hill, a graduate of Allegheny College, who has completed one and one-half years at Pacific School of Religion, and who is now a student at Duke Divinity School, be received as a Candidate for the Ministry in the Biblical Class.
5. That Carl J. Dixon who has satisfactorily completed one year of a prescribed course of study be continued as a Candidate for the Ministry in the Biblical Class with the understanding that on the satisfactory completion of a second year's work, and the Committee, approves, he shall be granted licensure and admitted to a further course of study covering a period of three years on the satisfactory completion of which he shall be eligible to Conference Ordination. And, that he be given the privilege from the present date of serving a church under the direction of a minister in full standing of this Conference who shall be acceptable to the local church in question.

6. That the Rev. William A. Rich, who holds Conference Ordination, and who has completed his work at Duke Divinity School, be admitted as a minister in full standing of this Confeernce.
7. That the Rev. G. Julius Rice who holds Conference Ordination in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference and who has accepted the Shallow Well and Turner's Chapel pastorate be received into this Conference and be granted equal standing pending the receipt of his credentials from the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.
8. That the Rev. Frederick B. Eutsler be granted a Letter of Transfer of his ministerial standing to the New Haven (Conn.) Association of Congregational Christian Churches.
9. That the Rev. William L. Parker who seeks permission to engage in secular work fo ra season and at the same time retain his ministerial status in this Conference be granted this request with the understanding that he maintain his Church membership in a Congregational Christian Church and make the required annual report to Conference.
10. That James Hatch and Billy Joe Willett, high school students and members of the Southern Pines and Sanford Churches respectively, be received under the care of Conference as prospective candidates for the ministry.
11. That the Rev. Charles M. Jones, a member of United Church, Chapel Hill, and ordained by the Presbytery of West Hanover, Synod of Virginia on April 20, 1932 who has declared himself in full accord with the Principles, Polity, and Government of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches; willingly subscribes to the ordination vows required of candidates by our Conference; and who has given your Committee every assurance of his willingness to cooperate in matters of denominational concern,, be received as a minister of this Conference in full standing.
12. In accordance with a motion passed by the North Carolina and Virginia Conference we recommend: That the Committee on the Ministry of the Southern Convention be requested to set up in cooperation with the Department of Religion of Elon College Seminars dealing with the practical relations of the pastoral office and of Church administration, for members of the Biblical Class, Licentiates, and Ministers holding Local Ordination who are serving churches as pastors; that pastors of considerable experience be invited to share in conducting these Seminars; and that Pastors in the Biblical Class, Licentiates, and those having Conference Ordination be required to attend these Seminars.

WILL B. O'NEILL
J. FRANK APPLE
W. L. WOOD
CARL E. WALLACE

The report was adopted by almost a unanimous vote.

The resolutions in the report on Evangelism presented at the morning session were unanimously adopted.

At the suggestion of Dr. W. T. Scott, and on motion by Rev. E. M. Powell, a motion was made and adopted as follows:

That we engage in a Crusade of Christian Evangelism and Stewardship during the 1953-54 Conference by each church adopting the following goal:

1. A survey of the parsh or community to determine the persons who are not professing Christians.
2. An active program of enlistment for Christ and his church all unchurched in the community.

3. A presentation of the principles of Christian stewardship as enunciated by the Holy Scriptures, especially the teachings of Jesus.
4. The enlistment of tithers.

The resolutions in the report on Stewardship presented at the morning session were unanimously adopted.

The resolutions in the report on Christian Education presented at the morning session were unanimously adopted.

The following motion, presented by Rev. Carl Wallace, was passed unanimously by the conference:

I move that this conference consider for all practical purposes the president of the Sunday School Convention as a member of the Committee on Christian Education and that the conference program on Christian education be considered the privilege and responsibility of that committee rather than the president of the Sunday School Convention.

The resolutions in the report on Religious literature were adopted with the following amendment:

Resolution No. 1—

That each church strive towards the use of our own denominational literature in every department of training in the local program, add: (whenever after careful examination the literature proves to fulfill the need of the local organization).

The resolutions in the report on Social Action and Foreign Missions presented earlier were adopted as read.

The resolutions included in the report on Home Missions presented at the morning session were adopted by unanimous vote.

A motion made by Rev. Carl Wallace was adopted as follows:

"That the Conference consider for all practical purposes the president of the Conference Missionary Association as a member of the Committee on Home Missions."

Dr. W. B. O'Neill presented Billy Joe Will, now studying in the Sanford High School, who hopes to enter the Christian ministry.

A vote of thanks was exenteded to the secretary, Rev. R. L. Jackson and to Mrs. Lindsay Neville for secretarial services in preparing the mimeographed reports of the various committees.

The Committee on Resolutions chairman, Miss Susie Allen, made the following report:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:

Be it resolved:

1. That we express our deep gratitude to the Program Planning Committee for their foresight in presenting such forceful and inspiring speakers as: Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Mr. Martin Garren, Dr. A. J. Walton, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Scott, Dr. L. E. Smith, the Rev. Carl Key, Mr. Morton Kurtz, and those of our own Conference who have appeared on the program.

   Further, that we express appreciation to Dr. J. G. Truitt and Dr. F. C. Lester in anticipation of their contribution to the program of the evening hour.

2. That we express appreciation to the officers and leaders of the Eastern North Carolina Conference for their untiring efforts in our behalf during the past year.
3. That we record with sorrow our loss in the death of Dr. Robert Lee House.
4. That we heartily endorse the program of the Church Building and Loan Campaign of the General Council and urge all churches within the Conference to sign the Declaration of Purpose before January first, 1954.
   And we further urge all delegates and ministers in attendance to take seriously the recommendations presented by report today and to make a definite effort to embody these suggestions in the program of each local church.
5. That we express grateful thanks to the Shallow Well Church for the cordial welcome accorded us, for the gracious hospitality we have enjoyed, and a special word of thanks to the women of the church for food well-prepared and well-served.

Respectfully submitted,
THE REV. W. A. RICH
MISS MARGARET ALSTON
SUSIE D. ALLEN, *Chairman*

The Committee on Place, (Rev. William Grissom, chairman), reported that the Conference will meet at the PineyPlains Church next year.

Mr. W. H. McIver made the following report:

Your Finance Committee has checked the report of the Conference treasurer. His report and records were found to be correct and in order. We heartily commend Mr. W. J. Ballentine for his faithfulness this year and for many years previous in performing his duties in this office.

We recommend that the following items be paid:

1. $50 as our contribution to the North Carolina Council of Churches.
2. $12 to reimburse Rev. Fred Register for telephone expense in connection with conference matters.
3. $15 to Fuquay Printery for printing conference programs for this session of conference.
4. $50 compensation for the services of Richard Jackson as conference secretary. We also recommend that the secretary be reimbursed for all postage, telephone and other necessary expenses in connection with the duties of secretary.
5. We recommend that 150 annuals be requested and paid for by the conference, to be distributed as before, one copy to each pastor, one to each chairman of a committee and to the churches provided the annuals can be published and distributed not later than March, 1954.

We have had numerous requests that the Conference provide printed or mimeographed copies of the Beginnings, Beliefs and Practices of our Congregational Christian Church as given in the messages of Dr. Scott and Wisseman, and that they be distributed to all the members of our churches. We therefore, recommend that the superintendent of the Southern Convenion request all the other conferences to join us in this matter in order to reduce the expense of printing, and that each conference pay its proportional part o fthe cost.

A. H. MCIVER, *Chairman*
A. GLENDON JOHNSON
J. FRANK APPLE
Resolutions Committee

The report was adopted as read.

A motion was made and passed that after the churches have indicated ther choices as Southern Convention delegates, that they be officially approved by the conference.

The afternoon session was officially closed.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session of the Conference was called to order by the president at 7 P. M. Dr. John Truitt gave a report on the Christian Orphanage.

Rev. Richard L. Jackson read the report of the Memoirs Committee as follows:

IN MEMORIAM—ROBERT LEE HOUSE

Today we remember and honor a beloved fellow pastor, a leader of great stature among our Southern Convention Churches. Robert Lee House first began his ministry by serving churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference while he was a student at Duke University in 1925. On January 20 of this year, while serving as pastor of the Church of the Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines, his earthly ministry came to an end.

Utter simplicity, gallant purpose, high courage, complete consecration to the task marked this man of God who served among us. His sudden going brings us a consciousness of an overwhelming loss.

Yet, if Lee House were to speak to us today, I am confident that he would not want us to mourn his passing, but to give ourselves more fully in high resolve and in loyal service to the cause for which his own life was given. *The Christian Sun*, Franklinton College, the Church of Jesus Christ —these were dear to his heart. Who among us will rise up and carry on where he left off? That call should ring throughout the church and evoke a great response. Thus his death may accomplish that for which he spent his life—a loving and loyal consecration of the church to the task of advancing the Kingdom of God.

Matthew Arnold has written a few lines which seem to me to be especially appropriate on this occasion. I don't know about whom they were originally written, but they can well be said of Lee House.

"If, in the paths of the world
Stones might have wounded thy feet,
Toil or dejection have tried
Thy spirit, of that we saw
Nothing—to us thou wast still
Cheerful, and helpful, and firm!
Therefore, to thee it was given
Many to save with thyself;
And, at the end of thy day.
O, faithful shepherd, to come
Bringing thy sheep in thy hand."

—*The Man We Knew*

We recommend that the conference stand for a few moments in silence to the memory of this great Christian spirit. After this tribute our president will give a closing prayer.

A motion was passed that after the communion service is over, the 128th Annual Conference of the Eastern North Carolna Conference of Congregational Christian Churches be declared officially ended to meet again on the Tuesday following the third Sunday of October, 1954 in Piney Plans Church.

After the Conference Sermon by Dr. F. C. Lester on the subject "Reasons for a Growing Church," a communion service was conducted by the Rev. Will B. O'Neill and the Rev. Carl Wallace.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Apple, J. Frank—Churches, First Church-Henderson; sermons, 77; conversions, 11; members received, 50; baptisms, 12; prayer meetings, many; addresses, 5; weddings, 12; funerals, 5; salary, $3,000.

Carter, Emory M.—Churches, Mt. Hermon, Good Hope, Fullers Chapel, Youngsville; sermons, 88; conversions, 15; members, 17; baptisms, 13; prayer meetings, 20; weddings, 7; funerals, 17; salary, $2,075.

Farrell W. Clay—Churches, Auburn, Ebenezer, Hayes Chapel, Wentworth, Zion; sermons, 132; members, 26; baptisms, 15; prayer meetings, 40; weddings, 3; funerals, 12.

Grissom, W. A.—Churches, Liberty (Vance); sermons, 52; conversions, 9; members, 12; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 6; weddings, 3; funerals, 8; salary, $3,000.

Howard, B. J.—No report.

Jackson, Richard L.—Churches, Chapel Hill; sermons, 50; conversions, 6; members, 45; baptisms, 12; funerals, 3; salary, $4,000.

Johnson, J. Lee—No report.

Jones, Rev. Charles M.—Churches, Chapel Hill Community Church beginning September 1, 1953.

Lindner, Rev. Kenneth M.—Churches, Eutaw Community Church, Fayetteville, Oct. 1, 1952-Dec. 19, 1952; sermons, 23; members, 2; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 3; salary, $785.58. Churches, U. S. Army Chaplaincy assigned to 503d Military Police Battalion, Fort Bragg, N. C., Dec. 20, 1952-Oct. 1, 1953; sermons, 89; baptisms, 1; prayer meetings, 16; addresses, 87; weddings, 11; funerals, 5.

Marr, Wade S.—No report.

O'Neill, Will B.—Churches, Sanford; sermons, 50; members, 17; baptisms, 5; addresses, 8; weddings, 3; funerals, 5.

Parker, William L.—Churches, United Church, Raleigh; sermons, 65; addresses, 15; weddings, 4; funerals, 6; salary, $3,600 plus residence and car allowance.

Powell, Elmore M.—Churches, Oak Level, Damascus, Morrisville, Pope's; sermons, 85; conversions, 10; members, 16; baptisms, 6; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 15; weddings, 6; funerals, 5; salary, $1,200.

Register, Fred P.—Churches, Wake Chapel, Lee's Chapel; sermons, 82; conversions, 42; members, 31; baptisms, 16; prayer meetings, 52; weddings, 6; funerals, 12; salary, $4,000.

Rice, G. Julius—Churches, Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel beginning November 1, 1953.

Rich, William A.—Churches, Antioch, Bethlehem, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Auburn, Mt. Carmel; sermons, 84; members, $21; baptisms, 6; weddings, 1; funerals, 3; salary, $2,650.

Steininger, William R.—No report.

Tally, George M.—Churches, Moore's Union, Mt. Pleasant, Christian Light, Pleasant Hill, Piney Plain, Lebanon; sermons, 163; conversions, many; members, 34; baptisms, 28; weddings, 6; funerals, 15; salary, $2,481.11.

Wallace, Carl—Churches, Beulah, New Hope, Eutaw Community Church, Fayetteville; sermons, 106; conversions, 27; members, 35; baptisms, 27; prayer meetings, 96; addresses, 1; weddings, 2; funerals, 5; salary, $3,000.

Wood, W. L.—Churches, Shallow Well, Turner's Chapel; sermons, 80; conversions, 2; members, 8; baptisms, 2; addresses, 7; weddings, 2; funerals, 10; salary, $3,000.

MEMBERS OF THE BIBLICAL CLASS

Dixon, Carl J.—Churches, Christian Chapel; sermons, 42; conversions, 2; prayer meetings, 20.

Littiken, John P.—Churches, Amelia, Plymouth; sermons, 64; conversions, 32; members, 39; prayer meetings, 5; funerals, 2; salary, $1,440.

Marsh, Gilbert—Student, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

Witter, Hamilton—Student, Duke Divinity School, Durham, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—YEAR 1953-1954

Executive—Rev. Will B. O'Neill, Rev. Carl E. Wallace, Mr. A. Glendon Johnson, Mr. T. N. Daughtry.

Education and Standing of the Ministry—Rev. Fred P. Register, Rev. Frank Apple, Rev. Carl E. Wallace, Rev. R. L. Jackson, Rev. K. M. Linder.

Christian Education—Rev. Carl E. Wallace, Rev. Julius Rice, Rev. Charles M. Jones, Mr. C. W. Russum.

Home Missions—Mr. S. H. Basnight, Mr. A. H. McIver, Mr. I. H. Vickery, Rev. E. M. Powell, Rev. R. L. Jackson.

Foreign Missions—Rev. W. A. Rich, Rev. E. M. Carter, Mrs. R. L. Jackson.

Apportionments—Mr. L. L. Vaughan, Mr. I. H. Vickery, Rev. W. A. Grissom.

Stewardship—Rev. W. C. Farrell, Mr. A. Glendon Johnson, Mr. T. N. Daughtry, Rev. R. E. Tally.

Evangelism—Rev. J. Frank Apple, Rev. Fred Register, Rev. George M. Tally.

Social Action—Rev. W. A. Grissom, Mrs. George Nicholson, Rev. W. A. Rich.

Program—Members of the Executive Committee and Minister of Entertaining Church.

Public Relations—Rev. R. L. Jackson, Rev. Kenneth M. Lindner, Mr. L. L. Vaughan, Mr. James T. Brumbeloe.

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The eighty-third annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, November 4, 1953, in the Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Route 2, Liberty, North Carolina.

Conference was called to order by the president, Rev. M. A. Pollard. As pastor of the local church, Mr. Pollard gave a cordial welcome.

By vote the Conference adopted the report of the program committee as printed in the *"Conference Reporter."* The program of the two-day session was as follows:

THEME: *"More and Better Churches"*

WEDNESDAY MORNING—10:00

TOPIC: *"Things We Have Done to Make Our Church Better"*

Call to Order by President M. A. Pollard.
Devotional Service—Rev. S. E. Madren.
Enrollment by Secretary.
Introductions by Rev. G. H. Veazey.
Appointment of Committees.
Talk by President Pollard on the Theme.
Reports from Local Churches on Morning Topic.
Address by Rev. Morton R. Kurtz, director of the N. C. Council of Churches.
Address—"The Local Church at Work"—Dr. J. Earl Danieley, dean of Elon College.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—1:45

TOPIC: *How the Denomination, Convention, and Conference Help the Churches*

Hymn and Prayer led by Rev. Winfred Bray.
Address by Rev. Carl R. Key, director for N. C. Christian Rural Overseas Program.

Denomination—

Our China Mission—Miss Alice Huggins, Missionary.
Building Loan Fund—Martin Garren, Southern Convention Chairman.
Report on Building Loan Fund—S. H. Pell, Chairman.

Southern Convention—

Convention—Superintendent W. T. Scott.
Elon College—President L. E. Smith.
Christian Orphanage—Superintendent J. G. Truitt.

Conference—(Reports scheduled for this hour were postponed until Thursday morning).

Communion Service—Dr. L. E. Smith.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—7:30

TOPIC: *How A World Vision Aids the Local Church*

Worship Service—Pleasant Hill Minister and Young People.

Report on Foreign Missions—Rev. L. M. Presnell.

Address by Miss Alice Huggins, missionary of the American Board to China.

THURSDAY MORNING—9:30

TOPIC: *Recommendations for Next Year*

Worship Service—Rev. Avery Brown.

Minutes of Previous Session were read and approved.

Reports:

Executive—Rev. F. C. Lester.
Ministry—Rev. E. Carl Brady.
Home Missions—Rev. John Q. Pugh.
Church Grouping—Rev. R. L. Clapp.
Evangelism—Rev. R. T. Grissom.
Stewardship and Apportionments—Cyrus Shoffner.
Christian Education—Rev. Bill Simmons.
Religious Literature—Rev. Winfred Bray.
Superannuation—Arthur Cox.
Ministerial and Church Relations—Rev. G. H. Veazey.
Moral Reform—Rev. M. L. Fogleman.
Elon College Sustaining Fund—Rev. F. C. Lester.
Historian—Rev. J. Q. Pugh.

Conference recessed for ten minutes for a meeting of the Conference Missionary Association.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—1:30

TOPIC: *Unfinished Business*

Hymn and Prayer—Rev. R. L. Clapp.
Committee Reports:
- Nominating—Rev. L. M. Presnell.
- Resolutions—Rev. Bill Simmons.
- Place—Mrs. G. H. Veazey.
- Finance—E. A. Cox.

Treasurer's Report—I. L. McDowell.
Women's Work—Mrs. Bill Simmons.
Laymen's Fellowship—S. H. Pell.
Pilgrim Fellowship—Rev. Thomas Madren.
Sunday School Convention—Theodore Cox.
Miscellaneous Business.
Closing Worship Service—Rev. Max Vestal.

During the sessions as indicated in the program above the enrollment was completed, motions were passed, and reports were adopted. All this information is printed below.

When the work was completed, in mid-afternoon Thursday, Conference adjourned to meet on March 4, 1954 in Asheboro.

M. A. POLLARD, *President*
F. C. LESTER, *Secretary*

ENROLLMENT

Ministers

Elders—E. Carl Brady, Rosser Lee Clapp, H. Vance Cox, James U. Fogleman, Fletcher C. Lester, B. H. Lowdermilk, Silas E. Madren, M. A. Pollard, Lacy M. Presnell, John Q. Pugh, Guy H. Veazey, Max B. Vestal.
Local Ordination—John T. Bowers, Lunnie W. Burgess, Martin L. Fogleman.
Licentiates—Winfred Bray, Avery Brown, Lewis Bill Simmons.
Biblical Class—Gale Brady, Gene H. Thomas.

Churches

Albemarle—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. Whitley; 3 visitors.
Antioch (C)—Mrs. Lynn Campbell, Mrs. E. C. Hart, Mrs. W. C. Hough, Mrs. Carl Rives.
Antioch (R)—Clinton Asbill, Jesse Ritter.
Asheboro—Mrs. J. M. Farlow, Mrs. Henry Keeling, Clyde Pell; 7 visitors.
Bailey's Grove—Eli H. Cole.
Bennett—Mrs. Vellie Bray, Mrs. Lillian Ferree.
Big Oak—D. E. Cole, W. P. Copeland; 2 visitors.
Biscoe—Not reported.
Brown's Chapel—
Center Grove—
Ether—Mrs. Clara Freeman, Mrs. Elbert Mabe, Mrs. Rufus McLeod; 6 visitors.
Flint Hill (M)—Paul R. Britt, Charles Britt; 3 visitors.
Flint Hill (R)—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lanier.
Grace's Chapel—Mrs. G. S. Cox, Mrs. Ralph Foushee, J. H. Register, J. A. Maddox.

Hank's Chapel—Clarence Seals, M. B. White.
High Point—Mrs. P. C. Lewis, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt; 3 visitors.
Liberty—Mrs. L. M. Presnell, Mrs. C. H. Stanford; 9 visitors.
Mt. Pleasant—
Needham's Grove—Mrs. Amos Garner, Mrs. J. S. Moore, Mrs. W. W. Ritter; 1 visitor.
New Center—L. B. Craven, A. L. Davis.
Parks Cross Roads—
Patterson's Grove—
Pleasant Cross—Mrs. Marvin Davis, Mrs. John Q. Pugh, Mrs. Helen Rich; 2 visitors.
Pleasant Grove—Gale Brady, L. H. Brady, Mrs. G. P. Bray, Jr., Mrs. H. H. Bray, Mrs. Geneva Jones, Marvin Jones; 2 visitors.
Pleasant Hill—R. C. Carter, Mrs. Dora Hornaday, Mrs. Otis Wicker; 78 visitors.
Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. J. H. Pell, A. L. Rumley, Mrs. Lendon Williams; 4 visitors.
Pleasant Union—Mrs. Dannie Garner, Mrs. Hayes McDowell, Mrs. I. L. McDowell, Lewis Trotter; 5 visitors .
Providence Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan.
Ramseur—Mrs. Charles Brown, E. A. Cox; 4 visitors.
Randleman—S. E. Holland, E. F. Jarrett, Mrs. W. G. Lamb, Mrs. O. L. Stout; 5 visitors.
Seagrove—Mrs. Amos Farlow, Mrs. Junie Farlow; 3 visitors.
Shady Grove—Mrs. E. B. Cochran, Mrs. Herman Eggleston.
Shiloh—Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Rumley.
Smithwood—Mrs. Elia Joyce, Mrs. A. J. Layton, Mrs. Harvey Smith; 10 visitors.
Sophia—A. G. Hall, Mrs. Troy Hall; 1 visitor.
Spoon's Chapel—Mrs. Otis Cox, Mrs. J. R. Johnston, Mrs. C. C. Smith; 1 visitor.
Union Grove—Mrs. Edward Cagle, Mrs. Lorenah Brown; 2 visitors.
Zion—W. C. Farrell.

Guests

Mrs. Cuma R. Clapp (Lutheran), Miss Pattie Lee Cogbill, Dean J. Earl Danieley, Mrs. K. L. Fogleman (Friends), Martin Garren, Miss Alice Huggins, Rev. Richard L. Jackson, Miss Emma Joyce (Baptist), Mrs. Jack Joyce (Baptist), Rev. Carl R. Key, Rev. Morton L. Kurtz, Rev. Fred Register, Rev. Bascom Rollins (Friends), Supt. W. T. Scott, President L. E. Smith, Supt. John G. Truitt.

MOTIONS PASSED BY CONFERENCE

1. Voted: To invite all visitors to be seated as deliberative members.
2. Voted: To approve program as presented, subject to necessary changes.
3. Voted: That the united evangelistic campaign for next spring be referred to the Conference Ministerial Association with power to set date and promote the work.
4. Voted: That the Conference Missionary Association shall be continued.
5. Voted: That Conference hold a one-day session on Thursday, March 4, 1954 primarily for educational and inspirational purposes, and a one-day session on Thursday, November 4, 1954, mainly for business.

6. Voted: To meet at the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church for the session on March 4.
7. Voted: To have minutes printed in *"The Christian Annual"* and to purchase 200 copies to be distributed to the officials and to the churches.
8. Voted: That the secretary be authorized to report this conference session to the churches as soon as possible through a special issue of *"The Christian Sun."*
9. Voted: That the secretary be authorized to complete the minutes, using editorial discretion in preparing them for publication.

REPORTS

(The following committee reports were adopted by Conference and are printed in alphabetical order, rather than in the order in which they were presented. They are followed by the reports of two officers, the Historian and the Treasurer.)

F. C. LESTER, *Secretary*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian education is a vital part of the life and the work of our churches and we must constantly keep this in mind if our churches are to advance in the work of God.

Your committee recommends a line of work for your church to follow this year as we strive to do a greater work than ever before.

1. Improve our Sunday schools by discovering the principal causes for people leaving the schools. There are several leaks that usually develop in any church school: (1) the teacher problem; (2) lack of Christian spirit; (3) poor organization; (4) crowded conditions; (5) poor literature and equipment.

2. Vacation Bible Schools are the most interesting and at the same time the most challenging opportunity for enlarging the work of Christian education. More and more of our churches are conducting Bible schools each year. Is your church following this line of work?

3. Sunday evenings and mid-week nights are being used in some churches for special study courses. In this way the church can actually double the amount of its Christian teaching.

4. Audio and visual aids are playing a great part in our Christian education program. Films, film strips, and slides are available from our Southern Convention office.

5. The Pilgrim Fellowship is offering splendid opportunities for the training of our young people. The rallies of our Conference have brought forth many outstanding young people who are doing a splendid job as church leaders. The young people are still in need of encouragement and advice.

6. To support our college this year in a more vigorous way by sending our own children to Elon will be a great help to that institution. More and more of our young people are choosing other colleges than our own and by doing this we are losing them to other denominations. On Elon's campus our laymen, ministers, missionaries and Christian workers are trained.

BILL SIMMONS,
MISS LOIS FARLOW,
W. W. THOMAS,
Committee.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND

This is a progress report from your committee, which has been working to raise our share of $11,500 of the $4,500,000 Building Loan Fund of our denomination. This money is to be loaned to churches to make improvements, build in new communities, aid in places where misfortune has come, or in any way to make it possible for children and their parents to worship Christ. By September in the denomination as a whole, $3,500,000 had been pledged. That is fine.

How about our Conference? Eight churches have entered into the program and made their declarations to the amount of $3,410, which is only about one-fourth of our total goal. These are the churches that have seen the need for such aid: Asheboro, Flint Hill (R), Hanks Chapel, High Point, Liberty, Pleasant Ridge, Pleasant Union, and Spoon's Chapel.

This might indicate that your committee has not been at work. But we have had four meetings of the committee, one conference-wide meeting of the churches, and two area meetings of the churches. At least, such meetings have been called, but the response has not been too good.

However, we believe that other churches will want to make their declarations of purpose soon—the money does not have to be paid until 1955. The Western N. C. Conference is at the bottom of the list in the conferences of the Southern Convention, so far as churches sending in these declarations is concerned. This does not give a true picture of our belief. We want others to have churches, and we do not want the world at large to think that we are happy if only our little family of churches here has a place to worship. We want the Church of Christ to be greater in every respect. If it is going to be, we must help it by giving to this fund that will always be there to help when the need comes.

One never knows when storms, floods, fire or some other disaster may strike our own church and we would need to seek aid. We would not want to hear the answer that so many have had to hear recently—no funds with which to aid your worthy cause.

This is our opportunity to lend a helping hand. Let us not fail to do so.

S. H. PELL,
MRS. ORVA BROWN,
REV. R. L. CLAPP,
REV. R. T. GRISSOM,
MRS. TROY HALL,
REV. F. C. LESTER,
REV. S. E. MADREN,
SHERMAN MANESS,
I. L. MCDOWELL,
REV. L. M. PRESNELL,
REV. BILL SIMMONS,
REV. MAX VESTAL,
MRS. GLENN WHITE,
Committee.

Note: Word has just been received that the Albemarle and Uni:n Grove churches have accepted their quotas and have forwarded their declarations of purpose to the Convention Office. That is fine! What churches will be next?

CHURCH GROUPING

It is the judgment of your committee that more of our churches should be united in groups in order to do better work. It is our opinion that the work needing to be done now in this field can best be done by the Executive Committee of Conference. Hence, we recommend:

That the work of the committee on Church Grouping be referred to the Executive Committee, and that this committee be discontinued.

R. L. CLAPP,
VON ALLEN,
W. W. RITTER,
ALTON RICHARDSON,
Committee.

ELON COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND

The need for colleges does not need argument in our day. Fifty years ago that battle was settled in the affirmative in North Carolina, and in our churches of this area. We want our children to get at least a college educaion, and that regardless of how they make their living later.

There is still some debate about the state furnishing all college education, as it does the grammar grades and high school at present. Among us are many who believe that the Church has responsibility in this realm of higher education. We think that young people who are planning life and its work should be surrounded by Christian influences, and that a Christian college is more than a name. It is a powerful force in fashioning the destiny of mankind.

Since the Church, or Christian, college is of such worth, it follows, as night the day, that these colleges are worthy of our support.

A generation now gone gave us Elon College. Many of them never attended any college, but they believed that we would be worthy of their sacrificial gift to us. It stands within about fifty miles of our homes. Several million dollars have been invested in it. But it will not operate alone. People must make it useful. We can help.

Every member of our churches is asked to give ONE DOLLAR each year to help make Elon College useful in our generation. Is that too much? Is that a burden? Surely not. But it will help Elon College to do what it was established to do.

Your committee recommends that the Conference again request the churches to give to Elon College one dollar per member annually for what is known as the Sustaining Fund.

F. C. LESTER,
M. A. POLLARD,
R. T. GRISSOM,
CYRUS SHOFFNER,
Committee.

EVANGELISM

Evangelism has been the heart-beat of the Church throughout its life. Your life is one of "living evangelism" if you are Christian in your daily conduct.

Your Committee reviews the reports from the several churches of this Conference with alarm. Many of our churches show loss in membership for the past six years. Our total gain for the years 1947 through 1952 is 285 members. This is a gain of less than 48 members per conference year for the six year period. Statistics do not tell the whole story. With a nation of approximately one-half the people unchurched, and most of them with no hope of eternal life, there is room for alarm in this nation called "Christian America." Christ was not jesting when He said, "Make disciples of all men." Peter at Pentecost preached the word with power. The result was three thousand souls born into the Christian way of life. We, too, need the fire that fell on those of that day.

We, your committee, make these recommendations for your consideration:

1. That we begin immediately to make plans to conduct a Conference-wide revival in the spring; that this effort be made with the hope that the entire Conference work together; that the results be kept of the revival,

and the Committee on Evangelism be given the record for next year's discussion.

2. That we set as a minimum goal 10 per cent increase in membership for the next conference year.

3. That we work out with our individual churches a plan for an every-member community canvass, and that this be done prior to the revival in the spring. Let this be a "Community Visitation Evangelism" effort.

R. T. GRISSOM,
H. V. COX,
N. L. RUMLEY,
Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee has tried to perform the duties committed to it. Several meetings have been held. Among the most important things done are the following:

A meeting with the officials of our Randleman church revealed that there had been some misunderstandings, and that the church was in need of help that it had not received. A grant of $200 was made to the church to pay on its debt for its nice, new church building.

Many years ago the Congregational Building Society made a grant loan of $300 on a parsonage for what is now our Sophia church. A few years ago that building was sold, and a new parsonage built jointly by our Flint Hill (R) and Sophia churches. Title to the new parsonage is vested in this Conference. Rather than renew the mortgage, we paid the $300 grant loan, and the title to the new parsonage is clear. It is hoped that the churches (Flint Hill and Sophia) will return part of the amount paid for them.

The Christmas issue of the *Conference Reporter* was published and distributed, as recommended by this Conference. Another issue was published for use at this session. A special issue of *The Christian Sun* in June carried information about the churches in this Conference, and copies were furnished to the churches. It is planned to make a report of this session to the churches through a special issue of *The Christian Sun.*

In these and many other ways your committee has tried to strengthen the work of our churches in the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

M. A. POLLARD,
F. C. LESTER,
MAX VESTAL,
I. L. MCDOWELL,
S. H. PELL,
Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has examined the treasurer's report and finds the same to be correct.

We recommend that the Executive Committee authorize the payment of the customary bills, with the exception of these two:

We recommend that the payment to the North Carolina Council of churches shall be $100.00, and that $40.00 be paid to the secretary of Conference for salary and expenses.

E. A. COX,
VANCE DORSETT,
Committtee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

If we are to have peace in the world, the Church will have a great part to play in securing it. We know of no greater way to promote it than through Foreign Missions—sending the Gospel to those who do not know abut it.

We in the Western North Carolina Conference know very little, if anything, about going hungry, or without clothes. Yet in many countries there are countless numbers who are without clothes and food and also without the Gospel.

Just what are we as a Conference of churches going to do about this great need? Last year's records show that there were 4,197 church members in the Conference, and the churches in the Conference gave to Foreign Missions the sum of $1,538.00. We realize that this is not a complete picture of the situation, as it does not include what the women's missionary societies have done or the gifts through the united church program.

We have on the field missionaries who are giving their all to this great work. They are carrying the Gospel of love to foreign lands. We should at least take a part of the many blessings that come to us and share in this great work.

It is our hope that every church will have a mission study course and learn more about the great need of foreign missions. Let's make next year the greatest year of the Church, remembering that the more we give the more we will have for ourselves.

Matthew 25:40 says, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

L. M. PRESNELL,
LUNNIE BURGESS,
MRS. B. P. MOFFITT,
Committee.

HOME MISSIONS

In gathering information from the churches of this Conference from the founding of its churches up to the present time, we see that our churches have made much progress and improvement, especially in building parsonages in recent years.

Several churches have built new church buildings, or enlarged or added to what they already had. We believe that most of our church properties are in the best state of repair that they have been at any time. Your committee wishes to commend all the people of this Conference who have had any part in making this improvement possible.

We would also commend the women for the fine work they are doing through their missionary societies.

However, there are new churches that need to be built. We, therefore, recommend:

1. That each church continue its efforts to acquire the necessary facilities for the building of a better church materially and spiritually.
2. That we give complete cooperation with the Home Mission program and the Apportionments for our denomination.
3. That we increase our cooperation by individuals and groups in contributing to our Conference Missionary Association.

JOHN Q. PUGH,
L. H. BRADY,
PAUL WILSON,
Committee.

THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I can report to you that the Laymen are among the finest in our denomination. Here we find a group of men dedicated to God and the work of His Kingdom, hoping by our dedication we will make His Church a better one on earth and that men, women, and children will be brought to the Christian way of life.

This year we have placed emphasis on missions, having a returned missionary speak at one of our rallies. At another we made a study of our conference center to be at Moonelon. We believe that this is going to be

a great thing for our churches and adopted a resolution to raise $2,500 to make this possible. We have $968 of this amount already pledged.

We have seven churches that might be called honor-roll churches, as they have Laymen's Fellowship organizations: Albemarle, Asheboro, Liberty, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Spoon's Chapel, and Union Grove. I would like to give an extra word of commendation to Union Grove for having a Youth Laymen's Fellowship.

Many of our churches that do not have a Fellowship are represented at our Rallies, for which we are very grateful. The ministers have been a great bolster to our program by the interest in the local church and faithful attendance at our Rallies.

Our final Rally for this year will be held on November 21 at the New Market School, with the Flint Hill church serving as host. We will have our National Director, Walter A. Graham, on the program. This promises to make for us a great meeting.

In summing up this report I would like to say, "The laymen have been working hard in the local church to make it a better church and without their faith and work a great amount of God's plans would not have been accomplished."

S. H. PELL, *Chairman.*

MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS

A minister is one who serves. A church is a group of believers banded together, serving, with the minister, the needs of humanity at home and abroad. If the relation is not good, the work is greatly handicapped and hindered. If the relation is what it should be, our best thought and best efforts and much time must be put into it.

Ministerial and church relations should be no less real than husband and wife relations. In the home the husband and wife have ideals and ambitions and cooperate in their efforts to reach certain goals. Sacrifices and not salaries are the steps taken leading to an ideal home. An ideal home in a community is a blessing to the neighbors.

Most people will agree that an ideal church in a community is the greatest institution in any community. An ideal church does not just happen to be in existence, but it is a result of consecrated efforts, cooperation, and faithful hard work. If the relation between the pastor and people is as it should be, success is certain and the reward is sure.

GUY H. VEAZEY,
L. V. DORSETT,
ROWLAND FARRELL,
Committee.

MINISTRY

We, your Committee on the Ministry, have examined the persons whose names appear here, and make the following recommendations:

1. That upon the receipt of a letter of transfer from our Valley of Virginia Conference, Silas E. Madren be enrolled in this Conference as an elder.
2. That L. W. Burgess be continued in present status of Conference ordination.
3. That John T. Bowers be continued in present status of Conference ordination.
4. That Martin L. Fogleman be continued in present status of Conference ordination.
5. That Lewis Bill Simmons, a senior at Elon College, be ordained after graduation, the time and place to be arranged by him and the Executive Committee of Conference.
6. That H. Winfred Bray, a senior at Elon College, be ordained after graduation, time and place to be arranged by him and the Executive Committee of Conference.

7. That Avery Brown, a sophomore in Elon College, be continued as a licentiate of this Conference.

8. That Thomas W. Madren, a licentiate in our Valley of Virginia Conference and a student in Elon College, be enrolled as a licentiate in this Conference on receipt of a transfer.

9. That Gale Brady, a member of the Biblical Class of this Conference, who plans to enter Elon College, be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

10. That Gene H. Thomas, a member of the Ramseur church and a junior in Elon College, be continued as a member of the Biblical Class, and be permitted to serve the Ramseur church.

We further recommend:

That this Conference join with the other two Conferences in North Carolina in requesting the Southern Convention to set up a seminar in Elon College, in cooperation with the department of Religion of the college, to study the practical work of the pastorate, the seminar to be led by experienced pastors of our church; and that members of the Biblical Class, licentiates, and men with Conference ordination who serve as pastors be expected to attend the seminars.

E. CARL BRADY,
J. U. FOGLEMAN,
B. H. LOWDERMILK,
G. H. VEAZEY,
Committee.

MORAL REFORM

As members of the Bridehood Saints and a part of the general assembly of the first born, begotten of the Father, there are things to which we should give more earnest heed lest at any time we let them slip. There is always danger of the removal of the ancient landmarks as set by our forefathers, as a result of our negligence and our customs.

We are told in the Bible that we should walk worthy of the vocation wherein we are called, also to walk circumspectly.

The church takes her stand for total abstinence from intoxicants as a beverage, forbidding the sale or trafficking therein or voting for the sale of same. The church has a definite statement to reverence the Sabbath Day and to keep it holy, free from unnecessary buying and selling, or holiday diversion, or unnecessary labor.

We recommend the following:

1. That we lend our aid to all activities and institutions that are for the uplifting of mankind.

2. That we give our voice and vote when opportunity affords against the liquor traffic.

3. That we remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy by resting from our labor and giving ourselves to rest and worship.

M. L. FOGLEMAN,
JOHN BOWERS,
AVERY BROWN,
Committee.

NATIONAL BOARDS
(Formerly Superannuation)

A new column appears in our Apportionments called National Boards. It is through this item that we support the work our churches do in the United States. This includes what we formerly called Superannuation.

This committee has special concern relative to the aged ministers and their wives, and widows of our ministers. They must not be forgotten. Their sunset time of life should have in it care and kindness. That can be only if we in the churches remember them in our prayers, visit and write them, and give that they may have adequate support.

In our Conference we have as retired ministers, Rev. Park W. Fisher, Rev. Thomas J. Green, and Rev. George Otis Lankford. Wives of former ministers include Mrs. B. J. Earp, Mrs. H. T. Moffitt, and Mrs. D. Rufus Moffitt. Golden memories cluster around these servants of the church, and the ministers who have gone to their reward. People of like character and service all over our country are worthy of our prayers and gifts.

We recommend:

1. That the Mission Board of the Southern Convention consider the needs of those named above, and forward to the Annuity Fund committee of our denomination the necessary recommendations so they may be properly cared for.
2. That the churches pay in full the amount requested for the National Boards so there will be money to meet these needs.
3. That a special offering be received at Christmas for these Veterans of the Cross so they get a little "extra" at that time, and that when trouble comes to any of them there may be money to give the needed lift.
4. That all our ministers be members of the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers, and that the churches share in the payment of their minister's dues.

E. A. COX,
J. A. CAVINESS,
L. M. MURRAY,
Committee.

NOMINATIONS

Your committee nominates for officers for the coming year:

President, Rev. M. A. Pollard.
Vice President, Rev. L. M. Presnell.
Secretary, Rev. F. C. Lester.
Assistant Secretary, Rev. Max Vestal.
Treasurer, Mr. I. L. McDowell.
Historian, Rev. J. Q. Pugh.

Executive Board of the Southern Convention, Rev. F. C. Lester.

Representatives on North Carolina Council of Churches:
Rev. R. L. Clapp, and Rev. Max B. Vestal.

L. M. PRESNELL,
WINFRED BRAY,
ROSSER LEE CLAPP,
Committee.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

Pilgrim Fellowship has had a successful year in this Conference under the leadership of Clem Shankle, who is now a student at the University of North Carolina.

The regular fifth Sunday rallies have been well attended. We have met at Hanks' Chapel, Elon College, Smithwood, and Pleasant Grove. The next meeting is to be on November 29 at Grace's Chapel.

During the year we have made a gift to the Moonelon project, and gave fifty dollars toward the purchase of a Sound Scriber for the use of Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, the Southern Convention leader of youth work.

Officers for the new year are:

President, Thomas Madren of Albemarle.
Vice President, Sylvia Coggins of Grace's Chapel.
Secretary, Evangeline Gann of Union Grove.
Treasurer, Bobby Grissom of Hanks' Chapel.
Counselors: Rev. Bill Simmons, Mrs. F. C. Lester, Ardelle Simmons, S. H. Pell.

At a meeting in Asheboro on October 25, plans for the next rally were considered, and three Commissions were set up as follows:

Faith—Ruth Bullard of Sanford, leader.
Fellowship—Kitty Lee Cox of Ramseur, leader.
Action—Clem Shankle of Troy, leader.

We are grateful for all the cooperation in the past, and look for even finer work and success in the future.

THOMAS W. MADREN, *President*

PLACE

Your committee on place has received no invitation for the next session of Conference. We recommend that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

MRS. G. H. VEAZEY,
MRS. B. H. LOWDERMILK,
MRS. JOY CARTER,
Committee.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

For many years our people have been urged to read the best in Christian literature, in order that we might become better educated and better equipped for the future. In this report we again wish to recommend that you encourage all children to read the Bible, or better still, read the Bible to them. Parents should read good books every day, and by doing so children will learn the same habit.

We also feel that too few of our members and friends take *"The Christian Sun."* The members who read *"The Christian Sun"* have a better chance to know the work of our churches. In it are items of interest to parents and youth, news from mission fields, Elon College, the Christian Orphanage, and young people's work, plus a sermon and the Sunday school lesson. So we recommend that you subscribe for and read *"The Christian Sun"* each week this year.

We find the Sunday schools use literature published by the Gospel Press, Standard Publishing Co., David C. Cook, and the Pilgrim Press. We recommend the use of Pilgrim Press literature in all departments of our Sunday schools.

Last, but not least, a revival of daily Bible reading will help all of us. Let's do that this coming year.

WINFRED BRAY,
STACY HAYES,
EDGAR FREEMAN,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the committee on Resolutions, submit the following recommendations:

1. That, by standing vote, we express to the pastor and people of Pleasant Hill Church our gratitude for their gracious hospitality, cordial fellowship, and abundant food provided for the pleasure of this Conference.
2. That we thank the Conference officials for their efficient work during the year, and for the fine program presented.
3. That we express our sincere appreciation to the speakers on our program for their inspiring messages, especially Miss Alice Huggins, our missionary to China.
4. That we strive to carry out all recommendations and suggestions made by our various Conference committees for the improvement of our churches, and especially that we give serious thought to the recommendation for a Conference-wide revival next spring.
5. That, to make the total program more effective, Conference hold two one-day sessions next year, preferably one in the spring and the other in the fall.

6. That during this year special emphasis be placed on securing memberships for the Conference Missionary Association, and that this matter be brought to the attention of all the churches.

BILL SIMMONS,
MRS. B. P. MOFFITT,
S. E. MADREN,
CLIFFORD CARTER,
Committee.

STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS

Stewardship is a very important part of our Christian living. We urge that our members practice it with zeal in the use of time, talents, and resources. We further suggest that each church secure and use literature for the teaching of stewardship.

In checking over what our Western North Carolina Conference church people gave last year, we find that we gave nearly $4.00 for benevolences, or for others, and about $21.00 for local church expenses, that is for ourselves, making a grand total of approximately $25.00 per member. This is a tithe of an average income of $250.00 per year per member. We suggest that our churches take an inventory of their resources and income to see if we are satisfied with the stewardship we are rendering unto our Lord. We urge that our ministers and members promote and encourage tithing in our churches.

We recommend:

1. That our Apportionments be the same as last year.
2. That each church pay 20 cents per member for ministerial insurance. This should be paid to the Conference treasurer before the end of the calendar year.
3. That all of our churches seek to raise $1.00 per member for the Sustaining Fund for Elon College, and cooperate in helping to complete the campaign for $2,500,000 for Elon College.
4. We commend the churches that have signed the declaration of purpose to cooperate in the Church Building Fund Campaign. We urge that all of our churches join our Congregational Christian Churches of America in supporting and successfully completing this campaign.
5. We have been informed that Bailey's Grove plans a new building this year. We commend this small congregation for this forward step. A new building is needed in this rapidly growing community. We recommend that the churches of the Conference make a special offering sometime during the year to help with this new building. (Money should be sent to the Conference treasurer, designated for Bailey's Grove building program.)

CYRUS SHOFFNER,
H. L. BEANE,
E. H. COLE,
Committee.

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE — 1953-54

NAME OF CHURCH	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	National Boards	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Ministerial Scholarships	Christian Sun	Per Capita Dues	Convention Fund	Conference Fund	Total
Albemarle	$ 70	$ 100	$ 60	$ 75	$ 75	$ 20	$ 5	$ 10	$ 30	$ 95	$ 65	$ 605
Antioch (C) ..	20	25	20	20	25	10	5	5	15	40	20	205
Antioch (R) ..	20	25	15	10	10	10	5	5	10	20	10	140
Asheboro	100	125	60	50	50	20	5	10	15	50	100	585
Bailey's Grove..	15	15	10	15	15	10	5	5	5	20	25	140
Bennett	15	15	10	15	15	10	5	5	5	20	20	135
Big Oak	45	50	35	40	40	20	5	5	10	60	35	345
Biscoe	15	15	15	10	10	10	5	5	5	20	20	130
Brown's Ch. ..	30	40	25	20	20	10	5	5	25	60	30	270
Center Gr. ..	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	65
Ether	35	45	30	40	30	10	5	5	10	60	40	310
Flint Hill (M)	20	25	20	20	20	10	5	5	5	30	20	180
Flint Hill (R)	15	20	15	15	15	10	5	5	5	25	20	150
Grace's Ch. ..	50	60	40	50	50	20	5	5	20	60	55	415
Hank's Ch.	90	110	65	60	60	20	5	10	20	60	60	560
High Point	30	40	25	30	30	10	5	5	10	50	40	275
Liberty	35	50	30	30	35	10	5	10	10	50	40	305
Mt. Pleasant ..	25	30	20	25	25	10	5	10	5	45	30	230
Needham's Gr.	30	35	25	20	20	10	5	10	15	50	40	260
New Center ..	25	30	20	20	25	10	5	10	10	40	35	230
Park's C. R. ..	25	30	20	20	20	10	5	5	20	40	35	230
Patterson's Gr.	10	10	10	10	10	5	5	5	5	15	15	100
Pleasant Cross	20	25	20	20	20	10	5	10	5	40	35	210
Pleasant Gr. ..	45	50	35	35	35	10	5	10	35	50	55	365
Pleasant Hill ..	95	125	85	75	75	35	5	10	30	100	90	725
Pleasant Rg. ..	85	120	70	65	65	20	5	10	25	95	80	640
Pleasant Union	20	25	20	20	20	10	5	10	5	40	40	215
Providence Ch.	15	15	10	5	10	5	5	5	5	10	10	95
Ramseur	70	100	60	60	60	20	5	10	15	65	50	615
Randleman	35	50	30	35	35	20	5	10	5	40	45	310
Seagrove	35	40	30	40	40	20	5	10	10	65	50	345
Shady Grove ..	20	25	15	20	20	5	5	5	10	30	25	180
Shiloh	30	40	25	35	35	10	5	5	15	40	40	280
Smithwood	35	50	30	45	40	10	5	10	20	65	45	355
Sophia	20	25	15	20	20	20	5	10	10	45	45	235
Spoon's Chapel	20	25	15	20	20	10	5	5	5	30	20	175
Union Grove ..	20	25	15	20	20	10	5	5	10	40	50	220
Zion	20	25	15	20	20	10	5	5	15	40	30	205
Totals...	$1,310	$1,665	$1,065	$1,135	$1,140	$485	$190	$275	$480	$1,715	$1,475	$10,935

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Mr. Theodore Cox, president of the Sunday School Convention of the Western N. C. Conference, gave an oral account of the work of the convention, and announced a Training Conference for Sunday school workers to be held at Pleasant Ridge January 7-9, 1954.

Conference Secretary.

WOMEN'S WORK

The women's work of this Conference has been improving all the time. We are proud of the women for their splendid work and eagerness to learn of new ways to become better home missionaries.

Last year one of our main concerns was that only 15 of our 38 churches had organized women's societies. Well, we are still greatly concerned but we have made a step to improve this. We have a new society—Antioch Church in Randolph County.

Our Spring Rally was held at Union Grove Church on Tuesday, March 22. We had approximately 50 women and six ministers attending this meeting. We should strive to double this number for our next rally, which will be held at Ramseur Church next spring. We are falling short on one of our main events and that is sending representatives to our conferences and conventions and the main one—the School of Missions. This past year we had only 9 to attend the School of missions, but we had 27 to attend the fall conference.

For our coming year we will study a portion of the Book of Psalms for our Bible study.

Many of our societies are planning on buying a goat—not for personal use but we are sending them to Puerto Rico where they are desperately needed to supply milk for poverty-stricken families.

Our women's work has had a big link missing in our chain of faithful women this year, that being Mrs. E. P. Boroughs. We were greatly grieved at her death. Last year at conference she was seriously ill and could not attend. This was the first time she had missed in 22 years. We all feel that even though she cannot be here in body she will always be with us in spirit. She will always remain in our memories and shine as a guiding light to us who are here and are trying to carry on the work she loved so well.

MRS. BILL SIMMONS, *Supt., Asheboro District.*

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Deep River Conference

The Deep River Christian Conference was organized in 1864. It met under this name until 1894 when the name was changed to "The Western North Carolina Christian Conference." In that year the Deep River Conference and the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference united and then divided into three conferences: Western North Carolina, Eastern North Carolina, and North Carolina and Virginia.

Authorization for the above changes is found in *The Christians' Annual* for 1894 on page 54, and in the same year book for 1895 on page 15 under "proceedings of the General Convention of the Christian Church." On page 75 of the 1895 year book is this record, "On motion, the name of this, the Deep River Christian Conference, was changed to the Western North Carolina Christian Conference, to take effect at the adjournment of the present session."

The Christians' Annual for 1896, beginning on page 59, carries "Proceedings of the First Annual Session of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference." This session was held at Smithwood Church, November 6, 1895.

(All these records are to be found in the library of Elon College.)

The name of the Conference continued until when the name was changed to "The Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches."

Pleasant Hill Christian Church

Pleasant Hill Church was organized in 1823, when the Rev. John Allen, a minister of the Christian denomination, began preaching in a school building near the present location of the church. The next year a building was started which was completed in 1825. It was named Pleasant Hill by Rev. Nicholas Barron, and regular services have been held since then.

Besides the first two ministers, these served until 1841: Lewis Craven, Subal Evans, Martin Staley, and Alfred Isley.

Records show these ministers served the church after that:

1841—Rev. Joseph Murrow.
1842—Revs. Alfred Isley, George Walker, Lewis Parks.
1843-45—Rev. Alfred Isley.
1846-1848—Rev. Joseph Murrey.
1849—Rev. Alfred Isley.
1850-1—Rev. Subal Evans.
1852—Martin Staley.
1853—G. K. Cole elected, but died before first appointment.
1853-54—Thomas Fowler.
1855—Josiah McCullock.
1856—Robert J. Tinnen.
1857—Subal Evans, Thomas Eads, Martin Staley.
1858-9—Alfred Isley.
1860-63—E. W. Beal.
1864-5—John R. Holt.
1866—William Brown and John Lawrence.
1867—Ashbel Nelson.
1868-71—John Farrell.
1872-73—John W. Hatch.
1874-1878—Alfred F. Isley.
1879—J. W. Wellons.
1880—John T. Ball.
1881-1884—J. W. Holt.
1885-86—J. W. Wellons.
1887—J. U. Newman.
1888-89—J. W. Patton.
1890-92—Alfred F. Isley.
1893—T. B. Dawson.
1894—W. G. Clements.
1895—J. W. Patton.
1896-97—M. L. Hurley.
1898-99—J. W. Knight.
1900-02—J. W. Parker.
1902-03—W. S. Long.
1904—L. L. Lassiter.
1905—W. T. Herndon.
1906—M. L. Hurley until his death in 1907.
1907—W. S. Long finished the year.
1908-09—W. L. Wells.
1909-18—L. I. Cox.
1919—D. A. Long.
1920-24—P. H. Fleming.
1925—J. E. McCauley.
1926-27—H. E. Crutchfield.
1928—L. L. Wyrick.
1929—H. E. Crutchfield.

1930-31—T. J. Green.
1932-38—M. A. Pollard.
1939—J. F. Apple.
1940-41—G. C. Crutchfield.
1942-44—Earl Farrell.
1945-46—W. T. Madren.
1947—Allen R. Hurdle (until June.)

The remainder of the conference year the church was served by two young men from its membership—Norman Carter and M. L. Fogleman.

On September 3, 1947, the Reverend M. A. Pollard and his wife moved into the new parsonage near the church. The parsonage was dedicated on June 6, 1948 by the pastor. Beginning with the conference year in 1950 the Pleasant Hill church, for the first time in its history, had a minister for full-time service.

In 1823 Pleasant Hill began with six charter members—Martin Staley, Subal Evans, Susanna Tyson, Elizabeth Coble, Mary Murchison and Celia Way. This year, 130 years later, the church reports a membership of 285.

A temperance society was organized ten years after the church, in 1833. It still holds its regular meetings on or near the fourth of July each year. For several years it has held a mid-year session at Cane Creek Friends Church in December.

A Sunday school was organized at Pleasant Hill in April, 1871. It has grown through the years, and today it reports a membership of 368.

This church has contributed seven of its members to the Christian ministry. They are: Martin Staley, Subal Evans, Archibald Nelson, Joseph Evans, Walker Fogleman, J. U. Fogleman, Norman Carter, and Martin L. Fogleman.

Progress has been made through the years, and continues to be made. Within the past three weeks a 40 by 60 foot block building has been erected, and in it we shared our meals at this session of conference.

JOHN Q. PUGH, SR., *Historian.*

REPORT OF TREASURER
1952-1953

Balance on Hand, November 7, 1952 $ 320.76

Receipts

	Pastor's Insurance	*Conference Fund*	
Albemarle	$ 54.00	$ 65.00	
Antioch (C)	25.80	20.00	
Antioch (R)			
Asheboro	50.00	100.00	
Bailey's Grove	5.50	25.00	
Bennett	4.20	25.00	
Big Oak	11.60	14.75	
Biscoe			
Brown's Chapel	30.00	15.00	
Center Grove	5.00		
Ether	15.80	40.00	
Flint Hill (M)			
Flint Hill (R)		30.00	
Grace's Chapel	35.00		
Hank's Chapel	47.80	60.00	
High Point	16.00	40.00	
Liberty	20.00	40.00	
Mt. Pleasant	17.00	12.30	
Needham's Grove	31.00		
New Center	11.00	5.00	
Pleasant Cross	22.80**	35.00	
Pleasant Grove	71.20	55.00	
Pleasant Hill	53.20	90.00	
Pleasant Ridge	37.00	80.00	
Pleasant Union	8.40	40.00	
Providence Chapel			
Ramseur	22.60		
Randleman	10.40		
Seagrove	32.72**	50.00	
Shady Grove	18.00	25.00	
Shiloh	20.60		
Smithwood	22.60	45.00	
Sophia	13.80	45.00	
Spoon's Chapel	7.60	35.00	
Union Grove	21.20	50.00	
Zion	32.20		
	724.42	1042.05	1,766.47
Offering at ordination service for Max Vestal			19.34
			$2,106.57

*Received before this Conference Year.

**Pleasant Cross - $10.00 and Seagrove - $14.72 for 1951-52 paid during this Conference Year.

DISBURSEMENTS

Delk's Florist (Flowers for Moffitt Memorial)	$ 6.00
Southern Convention Office (Pastor's Insurance)	856.96
W. C. Craven, Postmaster (For "Conference Reporters")	155.50
F. C. Lester, president, expense	20.00
Rev. W. J. Andes, conference speaker, travel	10.00

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Jackson, speakers, travel	10.00	
Dr. Ray Gibbons, conference speaker, travel	10.00	
M. A. Pollard, secretary, salary and expense	35.00	
N. C. Council of Churches	75.00	
Randleman Church Building Fund	200.00	
Board of Home Missions (grant loan on Sophia Parsonage)	300.00	
Total Disbursements		1,678.46
BALANCE ON HAND, November 5, 1953		$ 428.11

I. L. McDOWELL, Treasurer

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Elders

Brady, E. Carl, Box 26, Robbins, N. C.—Church served, Niagara; sermons preached, 24; funerals 1; field for next year, same.

Clapp, Rosser Lee, Box 246, Seagrove, N. C.—Churches served, Ether, Seagrove, Shady Grove; sermons 109; conversions 7; members received 11; baptisms 7; prayer meetings 20; addresses 1; weddings 3; funerals 3; salary $2,695; field for next year, same.

Cox, H. Vance, Ramseur, N. C.—Churches served, Brown's Chapel and New Center; sermons 51; conversions 13; members received 8; baptisms 6; prayer meetings 20; salary $969.16; field for next year, same.

Fisher, Park W., Methodist Home, Route 8, Box 533, Charlotte, N. C.—Retired.

Fogleman, James U., Route 6, Burlington, N. C.—Church served, Providence Chapel; sermons 42; conversions 7; prayer meetings 5; weddings 1; funerals 3; salary $438.46; field for next year, same.

Green, Thomas J., High Falls, N. C.—Retired.

Grissom, Raymond T., Pittsboro, N. C.—Churches served, Hank's Chapel, New Elam, and Shiloh; sermons 94; members received 9; baptisms 8; prayer meetings 51; addresses 5; weddings 13; funerals 19; salary $3,000; field for next year, same.

Lankford, George Otis, Elon College, N. C.—Retired.

Lester, Fletcher C., 840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro, N. C.—Church served, Asheboro (six months leave of absence to serve Eutaw Community, Fayetteville); sermons 80; conversions 14; members received 33; baptisms 14; prayer meetings 25; weddings 12; funerals 3; salary $4,000; field for next year, Asheboro.

Lowdermilk, B. H., 724 Hoover St., Asheboro, N. C.—Churches served, Biscoe, Flint Hill (M), Pleasant Union: sermons 62; conversions 32; members received 9; baptisms 9; prayer meetings 4; weddings 5; funerals 12; salary $1,424.24; field for next year, Pleasant Hill (M), Pleasant Union.

Lucas, A. L., Route 5, Asheboro, N. C.—No regular field; sermons preached 40; conversions 14; prayer meetings 30; addresses 6; weddings 4; funerals 10.

Madren, Silas E., 1120 Carolina Ave., Albemarle, N. C.—Church served since April 1, Albemarle (Valley Conference for five months); sermons 98; members received 18; baptisms 6; prayer meetings 31; addresses 5; weddings 7; funerals 4; salary $3100; field for next year, Albemarle.

Pollard, M. A., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.—Church served, Pleasant Hill; sermons 86; conversions 23; members received 28; baptisms 28; prayer meetings 52; addresses 4; weddings 2; funerals 9; salary $2,250; field for next year, same.

Presnell, Lacy M., Box 37, Liberty, N. C.—Church served, Liberty; sermons 54; conversions 5; members received 7; baptisms 5; prayer meetings 15; addresses 2; weddings 2; funerals 10; salary $1,200; field for next year, same.

Pugh, John Q., Route 1, Asheboro, N. C.—Church served, Bennett; sermons 48; funerals 4; salary $172.65.

Veazey, Guy H., 911 Tryon St., High Point, N. C.—Church served, High Point; sermons 75; weddings 1; funerals 2; salary $2,474; field for next year, same.

Vestal, Max, Route 1, Asheboro, N. C.—Churches served, Pleasant Ridge and Spoon's Chapel; sermons 60; members received 14; baptisms 10; prayer meetings 25; addresses 20; weddings 4; funerals 10; salary $1,900; field for next year, same.

Local Ordination

Fogleman, Martin L., Route 2, Liberty, N. C.—Churches served, Needham's Grove and Pleasant Cross; sermons 54; members received 4; wed-

dings 2; funerals 5; salary $1,317.74; field for next year, same.

Bowers, John T., Route 4, Box 567, Greensboro, N. C.

Burgess, Lunnie W., Box 233, Ramseur, N. C.—Church served, Antioch (C); sermons 35; members received 1; funerals 1; salary $319.40; field for next year, same.

Licentiates

Bray, Winfred, Box 484, Randleman, N. C.—Churches served, Antioch (R), Randleman, and Union Grove; sermons 101; conversions 41; members received 28; prayer meetings 21; addresses 4; funerals 7; salary $2,200; field for next year, same.

Brown, Avery, Box 39, Sophia, N. C.—Churches served, Bailey's Grove, Flint Hill (R), and Sophia; sermons 80; conversions 21; members received 20; addresses 2; funerals 5; salary received $1,720; field for next year, same.

Simmons, Bill, Route 1, Bennett, N. C.—Churches served, Grace's Chapel and Pleasant Grove; sermons 70; conversions 12; members received 47; addresses 3; funerals 18; salary $1,800; field for next year, same.

OFFICIALS FOR 1953-1954

Officers

President—Rev. M. A. Pollard, Route 2, Liberty.

Vice President—Rev. L. M. Presnell, Liberty.

Secretary—Rev. F. C. Lester, 840 Sunset Ave., Asheboro.

Assistant Secretary—Rev. Max B. Vestal, Route 1, Asheboro.

Treasurer—Ira L. McDowell, Route 1, Asheboro.

Historian—Rev. J. Q. Pugh, Route 1, Asheboro.

Member Executive Committee of Southern Convention—Rev. F. C. Lester.

Members N. C. Council of Churches: Rev. Rosser Lee Clapp, Seagrove; Rev. Max B. Vestal, Route 1, Asheboro.

Committees

EXECUTIVE—Rev. M. A. Pollard, chairman; Rev. F. C. Lester, Rev. Max Vestal, I. L. McDowell, S. H. Pell.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. R. L. Clapp, chairman; W. W. Ritter, Paul Wilson, Miss Lola Farlow.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Rev. L. M. Presnell, chairman; Lunnie Burgess, Von Allen, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt.

EVANGELISM—Rev. R. T. Grissom, chairman; Rev. H. V. Cox, N. L. Rumley.

STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS—Cyrus Shoffner, chairman; H. L. Beane, E. H. Cole.

MINISTRY—Rev. S. E. Madren, chairman; Rev. E. Carl Brady, Rev. Max Vestal, Rev. R. L. Clapp.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev. Bill Simmons, chairman; Rev. J. U. Fogleman, W. W. Thomas.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—Rev. Winfred Bray, chairman; Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, Stacy Hayes.

SUPERANNUATION—E. A. Cox, chairman; J. A. Caviness, L. M. Murray.

MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS—Rev. G. H. Veazey, chairman; L. V. Dorsett, Edgar Freeman, Roland Farrell.

MORAL REFORM—Rev. M. L. Fogleman, chairman; Rev. Avery Brown, Rev. John Bowers, Alton Richardson.

ELON COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND—Rev. F. C. Lester, chairman; Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Cyrus Shoffner.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND—S. H. Pell, chairman; Mrs. Orva Brown, Rev. R. L. Clapp, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Mrs. Troy Hall, Rev. F. C. Lester, Rev. S. E. Madren, Sherman Maness, I. L. McDowell, Rev. L. M. Presnell, Rev. Bill Simmons, Rev. Max Vestal, Mrs. Glenn White.

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TRYON, N. C.

NOVEMBER 10-11, 1953

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TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The 128th annual session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Congregational Church of Christ, Tryon, N. C., November 10 and 11, 1953. The Conference was called to order by the President, W. W. Snyder, at 2 p. m., November 10, 1953.

Rev. Frank E. Ratzell led the Conference in the opening worship service.

The roll of ministers and churches was called and a quorum was found present. The complete enrollment for the session included twenty-one ordained ministers and one hundred eighteen delegates, representing forty of the forty-nine churches of the conference and was as follows:

ENROLLMENT

Ministers—C. F. Allred, M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, H. P. Bozarth, G. C. Crutchfield, J. S. Graves, S. C. Harrell, C. M. Heymann, T. G. Humphries, Dwight O. Jackson, B. A. Leebrick, W. T. Madren, R. M. Peterson, F. E. Ratzell, K. D. Register, H. E. Robinson, W. W. Snyder, T. D. Sutton, M. V. Welch, O. H. White, W. E. Wisseman.

Local Conference Ordination—J. R. Lackey.

Licentiates—H. L. Johnson.

Biblical Class—Fred H. Wrenn.

Others serving churches in the conference but not members of the conference—J. H. Loman.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Apple's Chapel—Mrs. J. R. Lackey, R. E. Apple, Ervin Brown, H. F. Andrews.

Asheville—Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crane.

Belew Creek—Represented by Letter.

Berea—Mary Jones, Mrs. Ben McIntyre, Mrs. Clarence McIntyre, Mrs. Laurence Boone.

Bethel—Mrs. Ida P. Murray, Hilda Stanfield, Mrs. Kathleen Fuque, Mrs. Andrew Mahaley.

Bethlehem—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gilliam, Mrs. Paul Madren, Mrs. G. C. Crutchfield.

Burlington—
Beverly Hills—Mrs. James L. Faulkner, Mrs. Holland Phillips, Mrs. J .T. Phillips, Mrs. J. O. Gregory.
First—Kirby Averitt, Mrs. A. P. Cole, Mrs. H. E. Robinson, Charles Fonville, Mrs. Ida Simpson, Edith I Walker.
Lakeview—H. J. Snipes, L. M. Cobb.

Carolina—Mrs. Ealer Murray, Mrs. Elsie Councilman, Mrs. J. W. Trollinger, Mrs. Cora Dickey.

Concord—Mrs. Allen Tate, S. T. Allred.

Danville—Represented by letter.

Durham—J. A. Riggsbee.

Elk Spur—Mr. and Mrs. Loman Ayers.

Elon College—J. G. Truitt, Mrs. A. L. Hook, Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Mrs. W. T. Scott.

Gibsonville—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Isley, Mrs. J. L. Stanley.

Graham, Providence Memorial—Represented by letter.

Greensboro—
Calvary—
First—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. N. Carl Monroe, M. T. Garren.
Palm Street—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris, Mrs. A. H. Hinshaw, Mrs. P. R. Hall.

Happy Home—Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ellington.

Haw Rver—Miss Pearl Smith and Mrs. Frank Bain.

Hebron—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williamson.

Hendersonville, First—M. W. McClure, H. G. Neighbors.

Hines Chapel—Mrs. B. S. Carter, Mrs. S. B. Forbes, O. W. Hines.

Hopedale—Mrs. John W. Long, Mrs. R. E. Faulkner, Mrs. Arthur Foster, Jerry Hicks.

Howard's Chapel—Mrs. R. M. Clark, Mrs. W. E. Jones, R. H. Moore, Joe Moore, Henry Brame.

Ingram—Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Satterfield, Mrs. J. K. Landrum, Mrs. Lizzie Henderson.

Kallam Grove—Mrs. M. M. Joyner.

Lebanon—Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Wells.

Liberty—Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Bray.

Long's Chapel—Represented by Letter.

Mebane—Represented by Letter.

Monticello—Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Rudd.

Mt. Bethel—Mrs. L. P. Rippy, Mrs. Fred Allred, Mrs. Della Baker.

Mt. Zion—Elizabeth Strayhorn, Mrs. Hattie Lynch, Mrs. A. P. George.

New Lebanon—Mrs. C. C. Griffin.

Pfafftown, Community—Mrs. Julus Franklin.

Pleasant Grove—H. C. Landrum.

Pleasant Ridge—F. E. Marbert.

Reidsville, First—Mrs. Edd. Chilton, Mr. and Mrs. George Pruitt, Mrs. W. E. Briggs, Miss Marian Foust.
Rocky Ford—Represented by Letter.
Salem Chapel—
Shallow Ford—Mrs. Ollie Routh, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walker, Mrs. Jane Huffines.
Tryon, Congregational Church of Christ—Mrs. E. W. Loveland.
Union (N. C.)—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pace, J. R. Walker.
Union (Va.)—S. Reams Long, Mrs. M. W. Andes.
Winston-Salem, United—Mrs. John Ingram, Mrs. L. G. Reich, Mrs. Sam Scott.
Zion—Mrs. E. L. Pitts, Mrs. Connie Pickard.

M. W. Andes presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committe. It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as conference may find it necessary to make.

O. H. White, pastor of the host church, welcomed the conference to Tryon and to the Congregational Church of Christ.

The report of the Executive Committee was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your Executive Committe, approved the following on March 15, 1953:

That we lease the former New Hope Christian Church property, located near Stokesdale, N. C., for the sum of one dollar and other considerations, to C. H. Middleton, Route 2, Stokesdale, N. C., until January 1, 1954.

On October 12, 1953, we voted that Superintendent W. T. Scott investigate further the property above mentioned and make some disposal of the property.

We gave approval to the following resolution on August 8, 1953:

RESOLUTION

"Be it resolved by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference in session this the 8th day of August, 1953, that the Hopedale Christian Church be and is herby authorized to borrow from the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Burlington, North Carolina, the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars ($13,000); and that the officers of this conference be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute a deed of trust on the church property, to wit: the same property that is described in that certain deed from Joseph E. Gant, Jr., and others to North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, by a deed dated February 11, 1953, which is being filed for record in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alamance County, to which reference is hereby made for a more detailed description, in the sum of $13,000, and also to execute a note to accompany said deed of trust, all of said papers are to be in form as required by the said Association; and said Association is authorized and empowered to pay the net proceeds from said loan to the proper officer or officers of said Hopedale Christian Church, and said Association will not be charged with the responsibility for application of the proceeds from said loan; and empowered to do any and everything necessary in the premises or required by said Association, to effectuate said loan."

I. W. J. Andes, Secretary of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, do hereby certify that the foregoing is an exact and true copy of a

resolution duly adopted by the Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference at a meeting held on the 8th day of August, 1953, at Elon College, North Carolina, which meeting was attended by a quorum of the members of said committee regularly called and held.

Witness my hand and seal of said Conference this the 8th day of August, 1953.

WILLIAM J. ANDES, *Secretary*
(SEAL) *Executive Committee of North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference.*

The following application was received and approved on August 13, 1953:

"To the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches:

We the members, as we trust, of the body of Christ, having exercised repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, agree to be governed by the following principles:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.
2. Christian is a sufficient name for the Church.
3. The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character is a sufficient test of fellowship and of church membership.
5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and privilege that should be accorded to and exercised by all.
6. The union of all Christ's followers.

We, having since 1950 been associated as The Community Church, Inc., of Hendersonville, N. C., and said church having expressed by vote on August 3, 1953, the desire to affiliate with the Congregational Christian Churches of the United States of America, and by vote of August 3, 1953, authorized the officers of our church whose signatures appear below to make formal application for such affiliation with the Congregational Christian denomination through the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

Dr. C. M. Heymann, Pastor; F. H. Roberts, Vice-President; Asa B. Hadden, Treasurer; Hilary G. Neighbors, Clerk; A. A. McCall, President—Directors. Date: August 7, 1953."

By motion, The Community Church, Inc., Hendersonville, N. C., was enrolled as a member of the Conference and the church is to be known as "The First Congregational Church" of Hendersonville, N. C. Dr. W. T. Scott and Dr. H. E. Robinson were asked to arrange a Service of Recognition and Reception into the Conference. The Church was received formally into the Conference on September 3, 1953. On August 13, 1953, we approved, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, the transfer of Dr. C. M. Heymann, Hendersonville, N. C., from the Carolina Baptist Association to the office of an ordained elder in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

On August 13, 1953, Rev. H. P. Bozarth was appointed by the President of the Conference to serve on the Committee on Ministry.

Pursuant to vote of last conference, your Executive Committee arranged the sessions of this Conference to be held at the Tryon Congregational Church of Christ, beginning at 2 P. M. on November 10, and closing at noon on November 11.

Your Executive Committee recommends that the President of Conference and Superintendent W. T. Scott be asked to seek legal advice regarding the bequest of Miss M. Joanna Jones of Graham, N. C., and report to the Executive Committee.

Regarding the "Dependent Coverage" in the Ministers' Group Insurance, your Executive Committee recommends that the semi-annual payments for Dependent Coverage be paid by January 1, and July 1, or the policy will be cancelled. It is to be noted that under our contract with the Insurance Company cancelled contracts for Dependent Coverage cannot be recovered. Pursuant to the request of the Executive Committee, the secre-

tary of Conference wrote ministers whose "Dependent Coverage" payments were in arrears and urged their payments immediately.

Your Executive Committee feels that it is imperative to revise the charter of the present Conference. Therefore, we urge Superintendent W. T. Scott to call into session the Executive Committees of the three North Carolina Conferences and seek to clarify charters, boundaries and other matters related to all of the Conferences in North Carolina.

W. W. SNYDER
M. W. ANDES
W. J. ANDES
S. C. HARRELL
Executive Committee

The report of the Executive Committee was adopted.

Dr. W. T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christan Churches, presented the following new pastors and visitors to Conference: Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. J. G. Truitt, Rev. and Mrs. William Richards, Rev. Dwight Jackson, Dr. C. M. Heymann, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Miss Alice Huggins, and Miss Jennie M. Doidge. On motion it was voted that they be seated as deliberative members of the Conference for this session.

The report of the Conference Treasurer was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER
NOVEMBER 12, 1952—OCTOBER 31, 1953

Receipts by Churches

Apple's Chapel	
Asheville	$ 21.00
Belew Creek	
Berea	29.00
Bethel	37.00
Bethlehem	25.00
Burlington, Beverly Hills	7.00
Burlington, First	339.00
Carolina	23.00
Concord	31.00
Danville	
Durham	201.00
Elk Spur	
Elon College Community	97.00
Gibsonville	16.00
Graham, Providence Memorial	
Greensboro, Calvary	
Greensboro, First	118.00
Greensboro, Palm St.	40.00
Happy Home	63.00
Haw River	38.00
Hebron	25.00
Hines Chapel	34.00
Hopedale	26.00
Howards Chapel	
Ingram	53.00
Kallam Grove	23.00
Lebanon	32.00
Liberty	42.00
Long's Chapel	16.00
Mebane	11.00
Monticello	27.00

Mt. Bethel	18.00	
Mt. Zion	37.00	
New Lebanon		
Pfafftown	16.00	
Pleasant Grove	51.00	
Pleasant Ridge	23.00	
Reidsville	118.00	
Rocky Ford	16.00	
Salem Chapel	44.00	
Shallow Ford	51.00	
Tryon	52.00	
Union (N. C.)		
Union (Va.)	79.00	
Winston-Salem, United	35.00	
Zion		
Total Paid	$1,914.00	
Balance on hand Report to Conference November 12, 1952		$ 440.03
Receipts (from churches detailed above)		1,914.00
		$2,354.03
Disbursements—		
Nov. 17, 1952—W. J. Andes—Services and Expenses	$ 75.00	
Nov. 17, 1952—N. C. Council of Churches—Support	200.00	
Nov. 17, 1952—Va. Council of Churches—Support	50.00	
Nov. 17, 1952—Alamance Hotel—Speakers Expenses	3.61	
Nov. 23, 1952—Alamance Book Store—Bible	8.75	
Nov. 23, 1952—W. W. Snyder—Expenses	10.00	
Dec. 13, 1952—Southern Convention—Half Pastors Ins.	650.96	
June 3, 1953—Southern Convention—Half Pastors Ins.	650.96	
Sept. 14, 1953—W. T. Scott—Group Expense to Hendersonville	31.47	
Oct. 27, 1953—Southern Convention—Expenses Printing Annuals	194.00	
Oct. 27, 1953—Bank Exchange Charges	.75	
	$1,875.50	
		1,875.50
Balance on Hand November 1, 1953		$ 478.53

R. V. POWELL, *Treasurer*

The report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

We, your Committee on the Ministry, submit the following report relative to ministerial personnel of the Conference:

Rev. Dwight O. Jackson is now serving as pastor of our Haw River Church. He has presented a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing from the Central Association of Congregational Churches of Minnesota. It is recommended that the transfer be approved and that Mr. Jackson be enrolled as a member of this Conference.

Rev. William R. Wolfe and the Rev. Mrs. Alida B. Wolfe, his wife, served for a short time in our Carroll County pastorate. They are now serving a pastorate in Connecticut. It is recommended that letters of transfer of their ministerial standing be issued to the Litchfield South Association of Connecticut, Rev. Wilbur S. Deming, Clerk, Washington, Conn.

Rev. John R. Lackey, pastor of Apple's Chapel, an ordained minister of this Conference with Local Conference Standing, graduated last June from the Duke Divinity School of Duke University. It is recommended that this Conference accord Mr. Lackey Full Standing as a Congregational Christian Minister, and that he be so enrolled.

Rev. G. Julius Rice, who holds Local Conference Standing and who has been serving as pastor of our Hines Chapel and Monticello churches, has accepted a pastorate in the Eastern N. C. Conference. He requests the transfer of his ministerial standing. It is recommended that Mr. Rice be granted a letter of transfer to the Eastern N. C. C. C. Conference, with the request that his Local Conference Standing be duly recognized.

Rev. J. Lester Stanley is now serving very acceptably as pastor of our Gibsonville Church. It is recommended that his Local Conference Ordination be continued for another year.

Rev. E. J. Clawson has resigned as pastor of the Long's Chapel Church and is seeking membership in the Methodist Church in West Virginia. It is recommended that he be dropped as a ministerial member of this conference.

Rev. Harold Loman, an ordained minister of the Pilgrim Holiness Church, who has been pastor of our Hopedale Church for a number of years and is now also serving Howard's Chapel, desires to be received as a minister of this Conference. It is recommended that Mr. Loman be received by transfer, and enrolled as a minister of the Conference with Local Conference Standing.

Licentiate Timothy S. Chang is continuing his graduate study at the University of Ohio, and also doing some teaching there. It is recommended that he be continued as a licentiate.

Licentiate Herman L. Johnson has served as pastor of Berea Church this year and is continuing his studies at Elon College. It is recommended that he be continued as a licentiate.

Licentiate Warren A. Matthews is a second year student at Hartford Seminary. During the summer he did excellent supply work in the Southern Convention. In addition to his school work, this winter he will be Student Assistant Minister of the Central Congregational Church in Manchester, Conn. It is recommended that Mr. Matthews be continued as a licentiate.

Licentiate William T. Scott, Jr. is a student at Yale Divinity School and is also pastor of a Congregational Church at Cornwall, Conn. It is recommended that he be continued as a licentiate.

At the last session of Conference it was voted that the Conference approve the licensing of William P. Tolley who was then a student at the Hartford Seminary Foundation. The Hartford Association of the Connecticut Conference was requested to license Mr. Tolley. The said Association examined and enrolled Mr. Tolley as a member. It is recommended that he be dropped from our Conference Roll.

It is recommended that Rev. I. T. Underwood be continued as a licentiate.

William Terry Waller, Jr., Associate Director of Boy Scouts in Winston-Salem, N. C., who holds licensure as a Congregational Christian minister, requests membership in our Conference. It is recommended that upon receipt of his letter of transfer, he be enrolled as a licentiate of this Conference.

Samuel D. Nelson, Jr., who has been a member of the Biblical Class and is now a senior at Elon College, due to graduate in February, requests licensure. He is a member of the United Congregational Christian Church of LaGrange, Ga. His church recommends him as a suitable candidate for licensure. After due examination, it is recommended that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

Fred Harold Wrenn was enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class at the last session of Conference. He is now a junior at Elon College and

pastor of the Zion Congregational Christian Church. He presented a letter of recommendation from the Zion Church which also requested that he be licensed. After due examination, it is recommended that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

Curtis Young a member of the Durham Church, was admitted to the Biblical Class a year ago. He is a sophomore at Elon College, and is now serving as a pastor of Lakeview Church. It is recommended that he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

Clifton Walker, who holds membership in the Durham Church, requests membership in the Biblical Class. The Durham Church recommends him as a suitable candidate for the Ministry. He is now a sophomore in the University of North Carolina. It is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

C. C. Mulholland III is a member of the Durham Church, which recommends him as a suitable candidate for the ministry. He is a freshman in Trinity College, Duke University. It is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

Garland B. Bennett is a member of Palm Street Church, Greensboro, which recommends him for membership in the Biblical Class. He is now enrolled as a freshman in Elon College. It is recommended that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

It is further recommended that this Conference request the Department of Religion at Elon College, to set up seminars dealing with the practical relations of the pastoral office and of church administration; these seminars to be conducted by experienced pastors, and to be open to members of the Biblical Class, licentiates and ministers holding Local Conference Ordination, who are serving churches as pastors; and that such men serving churches as pastors be required to attend these seminars.

Rev. Robert C. Mueller is now pastor of the Congregational Church of Somers, Wisconsin. He requests a letter of transfer of his ministerial standing. It is recommended that he be granted such a letter, and that it be sent to Rev. Earl Collins, 1022—61st St., Kenosha, Wisconsin.

STANLEY C. HARRELL
W. E. WISSEMAN
FERRIS E. REYNOLDS
KENNETH D. REGISTER
HOWARD P. BOZARTH
Committee

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionments was presented as follows:

STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

This Committee now combines the tasks of the former committees on stewardship and budget and apportionment.

Your Committee recommends:

1. A continuous program of stewardship education in the local church with emphasis on tithing.
2. Periodic reports to the congregation of the receipts and disbursements of both current expense and benevolent giving.
3. The use of the Every-Member-Canvass and a budget for each church.
4. A willing acceptance of the apportionment table suggested below and frequent remittance to the Convention Offices—monthly or quarterly.
5. The support of the Church Building Loan Campaign, Elon College Campaign of two and one half million dollars, and the Elon College Sustaining Fund.

6. A reaffirmaton of our commitment to "Our Christian World Mission."

H. E. ROBINSON
HERBERT LANDRUM
T. G. HUMPHRIES
W. B. SIMPSON
CAROL CHANDLER
Committee

SUGGESTED APPORTIONMENT TABLE

NAME OF CHURCH	Conv. Fund	Conf. H.M. & Ch. Ext. Fund	Christ. Ed.	Elon College	Ch. Orph.	Minis. Schol.	Christ. Sun	Natl. Bd. H.M. Minis. Relief	For. Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conf. Fund	1953-1954 Total
Apple's Chapel	$ 251	$ 121	$ 44	$ 135	$ 136	$ 10	$ 23	$ 106	$ 100	$ 44	$ 84	$ 1,054
Asheville	44	26	8	27	25	10	4	23	37	10	21	235
Belew Creek	127	50	18	46	29	8	12	44	31	12	27	404
Berea	127	45	19	46	29	8	7	39	31	13	29	393
Bethel	73	42	14	73	71	4	7	37	43	18	30	412
Bethlehem	238	121	41	141	127	12	21	106	100	35	68	1,010
Burl. Bev. Hills	37	14	6	18	18	4	5	12	14	10	10	148
Burl. First	763	371	156	607	2,735	48	77	326	957	83	197	6,320
Burl. Lakeview	17	14	7	11	12	4	4	12	5	3	8	97
Carolina	111	32	14	27	18	7	6	28	14	8	23	288
Concord	111	49	22	55	43	8	7	43	36	12	31	417
Danville	161	282	27	61	59	11	39	248	287	83	163	1,421
Durham	725	479	125	534	369	38	79	421	454	65	131	3,420
Elk Spur	52	16	7	11	12	4	2	14	7	3	17	145
Elon College	466	276	97	327	200	27	49	237	261	45	97	2,082
Gibsonville	146	63	20	61	44	9	14	55	43	22	54	531
Graham Prov. Mem.	53	27	14	23	10	6	4	24	12	8	24	205
Greensboro Calvary	136	58	20	65	55	10	10	51	57	12	37	511
Greensboro First	692	395	95	534	312	30	53	347	390	47	118	3,013
Greensboro Palm St.	129	86	27	115	119	8	13	76	86	27	40	726
Happy Home	198	102	41	109	104	12	20	90	81	29	63	849
Haw River	161	91	27	107	92	12	14	80	72	17	38	711
Hebron	57	32	10	34	22	6	5	29	22	12	25	254
Hendersonville	17	14	7	11	12	4	4	12	5	3	8	97
Hines' Chapel	107	65	20	61	59	9	14	57	60	13	34	499
Hopedale	75	34	14	32	20	7	6	30	19	10	26	273
Howard's Chapel	17	14	7	11	12	4	4	12	5	3	8	97
Ingram	215	120	40	140	135	15	18	105	103	19	53	963
Kallam Grove	58	34	14	30	18	7	6	30	19	9	23	248
Lebanon	111	49	16	55	42	8	7	43	34	14	32	411
Liberty	111	49	19	55	38	8	7	43	34	21	42	427
Long's Chapel	127	64	20	70	56	9	10	56	48	17	32	509
Mebane	21	12	14	21	12	5	4	10	5	3	11	118
Monticello	92	35	15	30	24	7	6	31	19	9	27	295
Mt. Bethel	55	37	16	45	45	5	8	35	40	6	18	310
Mt. Zion	141	56	22	63	50	8	8	50	43	17	37	495
New Lebanon	144	84	27	97	86	12	13	74	67	19	50	673
Pfafftown	59	24	14	18	12	6	4	21	9	3	16	186
Pleasant Grove	161	78	29	79	71	10	16	69	57	27	51	648
Pleasant Ridge	73	34	16	35	24	7	4	30	19	5	23	270
Reidsville	307	164	34	194	187	19	28	144	139	57	118	1,391
Rocky Ford	52	16	7	11	12	4	2	14	7	3	16	144
Salem Chapel	111	34	14	36	24	6	4	30	21	13	28	321
Shallow Ford	186	73	22	80	74	10	12	64	57	21	51	650
Tryon	186	94	35	107	95	12	14	82	79	21	52	777
Union (N. C.)	205	84	35	97	82	80	13	74	64	34	80	8,848
Union (Va.)	186	99	35	115	104	12	18	87	82	45	79	862
Winston Salem	98	64	14	43	28	12	7	56	28	13	35	398
Zion	21	8	2	5	5	3	2	7	7	3	7	70
Totals	$7,811	$4,231	$1,367	$4,708	$5,968	$585	$721	$3,714	$4,211	$1,026	$2,292	$ 36,626

The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionments was adopted.

Conference adjourned for a meeting of the Conference Missionary Association.

Conference in session again.

The report of the Committee on Missions was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We have reason to rejoice over the progress being made by the young churches of our Conference. The Beverly Hills, Lakeview and Zion Churches, all located in the Burlington area, have shown outstanding progress this year. A few weeks ago some of our Conference officials met again with interested parties in the South Boston area. Prospects for a new church here are still good. No further progress has been made toward a new church in Danville, Va., though something yet may be done in this area. The Conference should do everything it can toward encouraging all these new projects. They need our help. Let's not let them down!

We make the following recommendations:

1. That every church in the Conference try to get their Declaration of Purpose for the Church Building Loan Fund to Algie Blalock, the Conference Chairman of this Fund, as soon as possible. Let's support this Fund one hundred per cent!
2. That every church, where possible, begin making payments on their Declaration of Purpose at the earliest date possible. These payments should be completed not later than March 1, 1956.
3. That the pastors and officials of our churches inform their people about this Fund, and that all possible encouragement be given toward making this Drive a success!

We say we are deeply concerned about present day world conditions. We agree that one of the greatest needs of our day is to have Christ rule the hearts and minds of men. When Christ said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," He meant that we of the Christian Faith are the ones to do it—at home or abroad.

What are we doing about it? What a person gives is a good measuring stick as to his quality of life. In the October issue of *The Christian Herald* the following statements were made: "In 1952 Americans contributed $1,296,000,000 to churches and religious organizations. That is almost $5,000,000 a week. That sounds like a lot of money until you begin comparing it with other expenditures. Then it is evident that no one yet is giving the buttons off his shirt.

"During this same period we spent $2,234,000,000 on television sets. We spent $50,000,000 more on lipstick and other do-dads to pretty up the person than we gave to the church. New refrigerators and household appliances took twice as much as did religion; tobacco took four times as much; new automobiles seven times as much. We gave just about as much to the church as we spent on funeral services, cemetery lots and tombstones combined. (That may be a sign of our times—is our religion also dead?) Our church giving was just a little more than we spent on rugs and linoleums. And this tops them all—we spent eight times as much for alcoholic beverages as we did for the Kingdom of God!" Yet we dare call ourselves Christion.

Are we really concerned about our "World Mission?" Do we actually believe the world needs Christ today? Can we say we are doing what we can toward fulfilling the Great Commission? May God help us to wake up and prove ourselves worthy of our calling.

K. D. REGISTER,
MRS. W. E. BRIGGS
MRS. M. T. GARREN
MRS. R. W. ISELEY
Committee

The report of the Committee on Missions was adopted.

Algie Blalock addressed the Conference on "The Church Building Society" and stressed the importance of each church signing "The Declaration of Purpose" relative to the Loan Campaign now under way.

Miss Alice M. Huggins spoke on "What I Know About China."

Rev. Morton Kurtz presented the work of the N. C. Council of Churches. He also brought greetings from Rev. C. R. Key, state director of CROP.

B. A. Leebrick presented the report of the Committee on Nominations as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, present the following to serve in the offices of the Conference for the year 1953-1954:

President ..... M. W. Andes
Vice-President ..... H. E. Robinson
Secretary ..... W. J. Andes
Assistant Secretary ..... H. P. Bozarth
Treasurer ..... R. V. Powell
Historian ..... S. C. Harrell

Committee on Missions—K. D. Register, Chairman, M. T. Sorrell, Mrs. R. W. Iseley, D. O. Jackson, Mrs. W. E. Briggs, Mrs. M. T. Garren, T. G. Humphries.

Representatives to the N. C. Council of Churches—
Ministerial—B. A. Leebrick and S. C. Harrell.
Lay—A. H. Hinshaw and Mrs. A. L. Hook.
Alternates—Herman Truitt, W. J. Fonville, W. W. Sloan, J. E. Danieley.

Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches—J. K. Landrum and Mrs. G. I. Satterfield.

Member of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, Class of 1958—W. E. Wisseman.

We recommend that the Executive Committee of the Conference be empowered to elect delegates to the Southern Convention and to nominate delegates to the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

G. D. COLCLOUGH
MRS. HAROLD INGLE
B. A. LEEBRICK
C. F. ALLRED
T. W. CHANDLER
Committee

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Nominations be adopted and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the nominees. The secretary cast the ballot as directed and the president declared the officers elected.

Conference adjourned with T. D. Sutton pronouncing the benediction.

DINNER HOUR SESSION

During the dinner hour Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presided. She introduced the guests of the Conference and presented the gracious folks of the local church.

The following reports were received to record:

REPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S CONFERENCE

The health of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference for the past year may well be declared alive and alert.

In this Conference area, the society at Kallam Grove was reorganized, and two meetings were held with the women of the Bethlehem church for the purpose of talking through plans for organization of a new society there. We shall hope to report this new society soon.

May we share just a few of the highlights from reports? Seven societies wish to raise their own apportionment goals for next year! Offerings amounting to a grand total of $10,528.25 were contributed by the approximate 2,312 members of the Conference. This record means that we not only reached our goal but that we gave more than five hundred dollars "over the goal," or a gain of more than eleven hundred over the grand total of last year. Two other figures might be of great interest: Thank Offering—$2,279.24, and Life Memberships and Memorials—$770.00. We rejoice not only in the achievement of our financial goals, but in the faith that much ultimate good may be accomplished with the aid of these material instruments.

Our Mission Sudy theme was "Building with Love and Gratitude." There was a visible gain in Life Memberships and Memorials. Seven more certificates were issued this year than last year and three more churches contributed. Fifteen societies report having active local Councils of Church Women, six more than were reported last year. Only four churches reported no Friendly Service projects and those four reported community services performed. Under Visual Aids there was the request for more information on our own missionaries and our own Mission work. This is a healthful sign for growth. The goal for Family Life has been "Every Family a Church Family." The Department of Social Action was reorganized. About 600 children are enrolled in our Cradle Roll. Their offerings amounted to $463.96.

Without a spiritual thermometer, it is hard to report the temperature of the Spiritual Life of our Conference, but we can report that much effort was made in this department to encourage well-planned devotional programs. Seventeen publications were assembled and mailed to each society. Also purchased and made available to any society who requested them were 32 publications, including books, pamphlets and leaflets.

"The Task of the Church Around the World" is the challenge ahead of us! The gospel of Christ *must* be taken to every creature, beginning with ourselves. Will we accept our share of this responsibility, this Task of the Church? May God help us as we plan and set the new and higher goals for the next year.

MRS. W. T. SCOTT, *President*
North Carolina Woman's
Missionary Conference

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The North Carolina and Virginia Conference Laymen's Fellowship had one conference-wide meeting during the past year. This meeting was in our Monticello Church on November 7th, 1953. One hundred fifteen men representing our churches attended. Officers for the next two years were elected as follows:

President ..... T. A. Vincent, Route 1, Burlington, N. C.
Vice-President Jack Pye..303 Aberdeen Terrace, Greensboro, N. C.
Secretary and Treasurer .. W. P. Mahan, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.

During the past year our Laymen have been more active locally than ever before. Our aim is to have a strong Laymen's Fellowship in every one of our churches. This goal, while not reached as yet, is drawing near.

Laymen's Sunday observed generally on October 18th this year was well planned and from all reports well received.

The Moonelon Development Program accepted by all Laymen of the Southern Convention has gone very slowly in our Conference. There are a

few local groups who have worked on this vital need, but far too many have done nothing. In order that the Laymen of the Southern Convention fail not in their accepted obligation we of this Conference should carry our own load. The ground work was begun in our Monticello meeting, with a special committee being appointed to contact the laymen in our churches.

S. L. MAULDIN, *President*

REPORT OF THE N. C. AND VIRGINIA PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

Most of the report is included in the report of the Committee on Christion Education. In addition to the various rallies and meetings, other groups spent some time at Moonelon planning meetings and holding fellowship meetings.

We are in the process of changing from the Four Commission Plan to the Three Commission Plan. This transformation is expected to help greatly in the carrying out of plans and programs for the Pilgrim Fellowship.

CURTIS YOUNG, *President*

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION

Conference reconvened at 8 p. m. O. H. White, pastor of the host church, led the worship service. Miss Alice M. Huggins spoke, using as her subject "The Church in China."

An offering was received for the expenses of the Conference and this amounted to $70.79.

Dr. W. T. Scott spoke on the subject, "Our Christian World Mission."

John R. Lackey presented Fred H. Wrenn for licensure to preach. The president of Conference, W. W. Snyder, licensed Mr. Wrenn and Mr. Lackey led the prayer.

M. V. Welch pronounced the Benediction.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION

Conference convened at 9 a. m. Dr. C. M. Heymann led the hymn and the prayer.

The minutes of Tuesday's sessions were read and approved.

Miss Jennie M. Doidge brought greetings from the Missions Council.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Jesus said, "I have come to seek and save the lost." This is the primary purpose for every member of our conference.

The first week of February, six Evangelism Rallies were held within the bounds of our conference (Greensboro, Haw River, Gibsonville, Winston-Salem, Reidsville, and Virgilina, Va.) The attendance was 532 or 5 per cent of our conference membership, with 80 per cent of the churches represented. The five ministers, who served as the "Evangelism Team," drove more than 2,300 miles. Offerings totaling $119.42 were received at the rallies to defray the following expenses:

Rev. Melvin Dollar, Norfolk, Va.	$ 50.00
Rev. W. J. Andes, Winston-Salem	15.00
Rev. G. J. Rice, Monticello	10.00
Rev. M. V. Welch, Greensboro	24.50

Rev. W. T. Scott, Elon College	10.00
Mail, Telephone, Meals	9.92
Total	$119.42

The cost of printing was paid by the National Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life.

The program presented at the rallies offered plans for evangelistic emphases during the "Evangelism Period," February 25 through Easter Sunday.

We recommend the following:

1. That we dedicate ourselves anew to Christ in prayer, study, and worship.
2. That our churches secure literature on Evangelism for their parishioners.
3. That we endeavor to arouse interest in Evangelism, first in our ministers and then in the laity.
4. That each church have a committee on Evangelism and the name and address of the chairman be sent to the conference chairman of committee on Evangelism.
5. That we again set the Evangelism period from Ash Wednesday through Easter and that every church have some kind of special Evangelistic services during this time.
6. That each church send a report on members received to the conference chairman of commitee on Evangelism by November 1st of each year.

M. V. WELCH, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During the year, Leadership Training Schools have been held in Greensboro, Union (Va.), and Burlington. The Chairman assisted in a Leadership School at Wake Chapel in the Eastern N. C. Conference and supervised practice teaching for a week at our Negro Conference at Brick Rural Life School at Bricks, N. C.

Pilgrim Series previews were held at Greensboro First and Union (N. C.) Churches. This program proved most helpful and plans are to extend this service.

Two Junior Camps and one Junior High Camp were held at Camp Crabtree near Cary, N. C. The Senior Youth Conference was held at Elon College. A total of twenty-two churches in our conference sent delegates to these Camps and Conferences.

Vacation Bible Schools were held in many of our churches. Materials for use in these schools were made available through the Convention office. Student Summer service workers were sent to some of our churches to plan and supervise Vacation Schools. The First Church, Greensboro, held a day camp Vacation Bible School for their Junior group.

The Pilgrim Fellowship, under the leadership of its officers—Curtis Young, President; Lois Scott, Vice-President; Wilma Ann Saunders, Secretary; and Patricia Gordon, Treasurer—have had a successful year. Rallies were held at Elon College and at Bethlehem Church. A week-end planning retreat was held at Camp Crabtree in August. Special attention of the Pilgrim Fellowship emphasized Moonelon, our Conference center.

Student assistants and guests in our camps and conferences were: William P. Tolley, Warren Matthews and Boneva Farlow; Miss Grace Raju of Udevil, Ceylon, our guest in behalf of World Missions; Miss Rae Cochrane of Billings, Montana, National Pilgrim Fellowship visitor; four young people comprising a national team representing our denomination and the Evan-

gelical and Reformed Churches. Mr. Nick Piedescalzi, National Pilgrim Fellowship President, was the principal speaker at the State spring rally at Elon College.

The North Carolina and Virginia Sunday School Convention met at Liberty Church, Nathalie, Virginia, July 9, 1953. The theme of the Convention was "Evangelism through the Sunday School." The chairman, Martin T. Garren, presided. There were thirty-one Sunday Schools represented. Dr. H. E. Robinson spoke on "Evangelism through the Sunday School." Young people of the Happy Home and Liberty Churches led the devotional service. The following officers of the Convention were elected:

President ..... Martin T. Garren, of First Church, Greensboro
Vice President ..... C. H. McKinney of First Church, Reidsville
Secretary ..... Mrs. Maynie Flynt Neal of Winston-Salem Church
Treasurer .... E. W. Kellam of Hines Chapel, McLeansville, N. C.

An invitation from the Hopedale Church for next year's Convention was accepted. The Superintendents' Meeting will be held in the First Church, Greensboro ,in March, 1954. The following addresses were given:

"Techniques for Teaching Evangelism to":
"Children"—Mrs. R. L. Jackson.
"Young People"—J. S. Graves.
"Adults and Visitation Evangelism"—Worth Squires.

The Committee recommends that:

1. Leadership Training Schools stress the Laboratory type of school.
2. Leadership Training Schools be initiated this year in (a) Raleigh Durham-Chapel Hill area (b) Hendersonville-Tryon-Asheville area (c) Reidsville area.
3. Some of our churches seriously consider adding a Director of Religious Education to their staff.
4. The Conference consider obtaining a full-time religious education person whose duties would be to work with the local church in meeting its specific educational needs.

Our sincere gratitude goes to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill for the excellent and selfless service she has given our conference.

JOHN S. GRAVES
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN
W. W. SLOAN
ALGIE BLALOCK
Committee

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was adopted.

Dr. L. E. Smith presented an excellent report of Elon College and urged the support of the College.

The Committee on Memoirs had no report.

Conference adjourned for a short meeting of the Conference Missionary Association.

Conference in session again heard the report of the Committee on Social Action:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

There are numerous areas, where the focus of a Christian conscience and remedial action are needful in the society about us. The little magazine, *"Social Action,"* published by our National Council for Social Action, is a good educational medium. The Council also furnishes guidance to local churches that wish to have an active "social action committee." The issues of race, crime, beverage alcohol, gambling, international relations and countless others are critically calling for Christian address. There is work for churches to do, but it is of little import to have a Conference Committee to call attention thereto. Every morning's newspaper does this. Do we

want to attempt to mobilize the local church for action looking to better citizenship and a better society? This question should be decided before we ask for continuation of this Conference Committee. This committee has no report of meetings or work sponsored. At present ours is only a "paper" committee.

HOWARD P. BOZARTH
EARL DANIELEY
ORVILLE WHITE
F. E. RATZELL
Committee

The report of the Committee on Social Action was adopted.

Dr. J. G. Truitt addressed the Conference on the needs and the hopes of The Christian Orphanage.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented as follows:

We, the members of your Committee on Finance, have examined the records of the Treasurer of the Conference, and find them to be correct and in order. We commend the treasurer for his unselfish service and work.

We recommend:

1. That the secretary be paid $75 for expenses incurred in the transaction of his duties during the past year.
2. That the bills for Annuals, report blanks, programs and necessary supplies be paid by the treasurer on order of the secretary.
3. That $300 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and $50 to the Virginia Council of Churches.
4. That the Executive Committee of the Conference be empowered to act on any request of the Conference Missionary Association.
5. That all expenses incident to this Conference be paid.
6. That the pastors' insurance be paid upon receipt of bill.
7. That the Finance Committee be the same as the standing committee known as the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionment.

H. E. ROBINSON
HERBERT LANDRUM
T. G. HUMPHRIES
Committee

The report of the Commttee on Finance was adopted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We your committee submit the following resolutions:

1. Resolved that we thank the officers and leaders of the Conference for the efficient work done during the year and for the well planned program of this conference session.
2. Resolved that we express our appreciation to Miss Alice Huggins, Miss Jennie Doidge, Rev. Morton Kurtz, Dr. W. T. Scott and other speakers who brought inspiring messages.
3. Resolved that we urge the churches, who have not yet signed their "Declaration of Purpose" regarding the Church Building Loan Campaign, to do so at once and begin payments of same.
4. Resolved that we urge our churches to continue their support of the Elon College Sustaining Fund and of the Two and a half Million Dollar Campaign.
5. Resolved that we pray for the continued growth of the new church groups entering our fellowship and for the students who are dedicating their lives for Christian service.
6. Resolved that we express by rising our thanks for the kind hospitality extended by the people and pastor of the Congregational Church of Christ of Tryon.

7. Resolved that we send greetings from this conference to Dr. N. G. Newman, Mrs. J. L. Foster and Mrs. J. S. Carden.

MRS. H. E. ROBINSON
W. T. MADREN
R. T. PETERSEN
Committee

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

It was moved and carried to accept the invitation of the First Congregational Christian Church, Greensboro, N. C., to hold the 1954 North Carolin and Virginia Conference there.

It was moved and carried that the Conference have its official minutes printed in *The Annual;* and that the Conference purchase two hundred copies of *The Annual* for pro-rata distribution among the churches.

The president, W. W. Snyder, presented the Conference Gavel to the incoming president, M. W. Andes.

By motion, the secretary was authorized to complete the minutes of this session.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

By motion, the Conference would stand adjourned, following the closing service as led by F. E. Ratzel, to meet Tuesday and Wednesday after the second Sunday in November, 1954, in the First Congregational Christian Church of Greensboro, N. C.

F. E. Ratzell led the closing worship service.

The 1953 Conference was adjourned.

W. W. SNYDER, *President*
W. J. ANDES, *Secretary*

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive—M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, H. E. Robinson, M. T. Garren.

Program—H. E. Robinson, M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, W. E. Wisseman.

Evangelism—Earl Danieley, M. V. Welch, J. H. Loman, T. D. Sutton, Algie Blalock.

Ministry—S. C. Harrell, F. E. Reynolds, H. P. Bozarth, W. E. Wisseman, H. S. Smith.

Laymen's Fellowship—T. A. Vincent.

Women's Fellowship—Mrs. W. T. Scott.

Pilgrim Fellowship—Curtis Young.

Social Action—Robert Auth, W. T. Waller, Jr., C. M. Heymann.

Stewardship and Apportionment—W. W. Snyder, R. V. Powell, J. E. Cumbie, John R. Walker, W. T. Madren.

Memoirs—G. C. Crutchfield, Y. A. Bray, J. L. Stanley.

Christian Education and Literature—J. S. Graves, Marian Faust, J. R. Lackey, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. H. C. Moore.

Nominations—Mrs. J. C. Wilkins, B. A. Leebrick, C. F. Allred, H. B. Nelson, W. E. Walker.

Resolutions—Mrs. C. B. Wilkins, Mrs. Paul Powell, R. M. Peterson, Mrs. M. M. Joyner, Maynard Wells.

Public Relations—Mrs. N. Carl Monroe.

Elon College Sustaining Fund—W. W. Snyder, H. E. Robinson, J. R. Walker.

MNISTERIAL REPORTS

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Allred, C. F.—Sermons, 94; conversions, 24; members received, 15; baptisms, 14; prayer meetings, 25; addresses, 4; marriages, 1; funerals, 3; salary, $2,800.

Andes, M. W.—Sermons, 85; conversions, 16; members received, 26; baptisms, 11; addresses, 2; marriages, 5; funerals, 13; salary, $2,950.

Andes, W. J.—Sermons, 90; conversions, 6; members received, 19; baptisms, 12; addresses, 14; marriages, 1; funerals, 6; salary, $3,675.

Bowden, D. J.—Dean at Elon College.

Bowers, T. F.—No Report.

Bozarth, H. P.—Sermons, 56; conversions, 12; members received, 28; baptisms, 9; addresses, 16; marriages, 1; funeral, 2; salary, $4,000.

Brooks, A. C.—Sermons, 6; Director of Religious Activities at Asheville School.

Cosby

Crutchfield, G. C.—Sermons, 74; conversions, 22; members received, 16; baptisms, 15; prayer meetings, 12; addresses, 3; marriages, 17; funerals, 23; salary, $1,680.

Graves, J. S.—Sermons, 3; prayer meetings, 9; addresses, 10; marriages, 1; funerals, 1; Director of Religious Education; salary, $2,400 and travel, $1,200.

Hall

Harrell, S. C.—Sermons, 48; conversions, 5; members received, 9; baptisms, 3; prayer meetings, 35; marriages, 7; funerals, 9; salary, $4,500.

Heymann, C. M.—Sermons, 48; conversions, 6; members received, 15; addresses, 15; marriages, 3; funerals, 9; salary, $1,560.

Humphries, T. G.—Sermons, 140; members received, 35; baptisms, 12; prayer meetings, 52; addresses, 33; marriages, 17; funerals, 18; salary, $4,740.

Jackson, D. O.—Sermons, 41; members received, 9; baptisms, 1; addresses, 3; funerals, 1; salary, $2,041.

Key, C. R.—Sermons, 30; prayer meetings, 2; addresses, 65; marriages, 1; Director of C. R. O. P. in N. C.; salary from CROP, $4,250.

Koon, C. O.—Sermons, 96; conversions, 3; members received, 4; baptisms, 4; prayer meetings, 26; addresses, 19; funerals, 8; salary, $2,094.15.

Lackey, J. R.—Sermons, 65; members received, 30; baptisms, 21; prayer meetings, 50; addresses, 2; marriages, 3; funerals, 10; salary, $3,0000.

Leebrick, B. A.—Sermons, 65; conversions, 1; members received, 2; baptisms, 9; prayer meetings, 10; addresses, 8; marriages, 1; funerals, 2; salary, $2,680.

Madren, W. T.—Sermons, 92; conversions, 24; members received, 38; baptisms, 24; addresses, 2; marriages, 7; funerals, 7; salary, $3,600.

Morgan, W. H.—Teacher at Appalachian Teachers College.

Mueller, R. C. H.—Transferred at Conference to Wisconsin.

Neese, J. L.—Retired.

Perkins, J. C.—Sermons, 1; Instructor in Philosophy at Wake Forest College.

Petersen, R. M.—Sermons, 55; conversions, 3; members received, 5; baptisms, 3; addresses, 2; funerals, 3; salary, $3,200.

Ratzell, F. E.—Sermons, 48; members received, 22; baptisms, 3; addresses, 4; funerals, 4; salary, $3,900.

Register, K. D.—Sermons, 66; conversions, 15; members received, 22; baptisms, 14; addresses, 2; marriages, 4; funerals, 10; salary, $3,600.

Reynolds, F .E.—Sermons, 50; member sreceived, 22; baptisms, 9; marriages, 2; funerals, 3; salary, $1,800; Professor also at Elon College.

Robinson, H. E.—Sermons, 50; conversions, 6; members received, 19; baptisms, 10; prayer meetings, 40; addresses, 12; marriages, 3; funerals, 10; salary, $4,400.

Scott Shepherd

Sloan, W. W.—Sermons, 23; addresses, 174; Professor at Elon College.

Smith, H. S.—Professor at Duke Divinity School, Duke University.

Smith, J. H.—Sermons, 25; addresses, 10; Chairman English Department Newton High School, Newton, Conn.

Snyder, W. W.—Sermons, 99; conversions, 17; members received, 47; bap-

tisms, 12; prayer meetings, 42; addresses, 5; marriages, 7; funerals, 4; salary, $3,600.

Sorrell, M. T.—Sermons, 208; conversions, 36; members received, 34; baptisms, 23; prayer meetings, 14; addresses, 9; marriages, 44; funerals, 24; salary, $4,000.

Sutton, T. D.—Sermons, 85; conversions, 23; members received, 29; baptisms, 35; prayer meetings, 1; addresses, 2; marriages, 1; funerals, 4; salary, $3,240.

Thelen, Mary Frances—Associate Professor of Religion, Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va.

~~*Weld, E. D.*—No Report.~~

Wehrenberg, E. L.—Retired.

Welch, M. V.—Sermons, 160; conversions, 34; members received, 16; baptisms, 8; prayer meetings, 46; addresses, 12; marriages, 8; funerals, 9; salary, $4,680.

White, O .H.—No Report.

Wisseman, W. E.—Sermons, 110; conversions, 19; members received, 56; baptisms, 24; prayer meetings, 24; marriages, 21; funerals, 10; salary, $4,800.

~~*Wolfe, William R.*—Transferred at Conference to Connecticut.~~

~~*Wolfe, Mrs. William R.*—Transferred at Conference to Connecticut.~~

~~*Woodruff, R. T.*—No report.~~

LOCAL CONFERENCE ORDINATION

Clawson, E. J.—Sermons, 50; members received, 7; addresses, 3; marriages, 1; funerals, 3; salary, $2,000. Dropped at Conference to unite with Methodist Church in West Virginia.

Loman, J. H.—Sermons, 512, conversions, 845; members received, 56; baptisms, 27; prayer meetings, 3; addresses, 2; marriages, 6; funerals, 15; salary, $2,870. Transferred at Conference from the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Rice, G. J.—Sermons, 98; conversions, 5; members received, 15; baptisms, 5; addresses, 2; marriages, 2; funerals, 5; salary, $2,600. Transferred at Conference to the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

Stanley, J. L.—Sermons, 104; members received, 4; prayer meetings, 15; marriages, 3; funerals, 3; salary, $2,000.

LICENTIATES

Chang, Timothy—Student at Ohio State University.

Johnson, H. L.—Student at Elon College.

Matthews, A. W.—Sermons, 26; members received, 3; addresses, 1. Student at Hartford Seminary.

~~*Nelson, S. D., Jr.*—Sermons, 10; prayer meetings 1; to be licensed this year.~~

~~*Scott, W. T., Jr.*—Student at Yale Divinity School; sermons, 49; members received, 16; salary, $2600.~~

Underwood, I. T.—Retired. Sermons, 5.

Waller, W. T., Jr.—Received at Conference from the Florida Conference.

~~*Wrenn, F. H.*—Licensed at Conference.~~

BIBLICAL CLASS

Bennett, G. B.—Enrolled at Conference.

Mulholland, C. C. III—Enrolled at Conference.

Tolley, W. P.—Dropped at Conference, since he joined the Connecticut Conference.

~~*Walker, Clifton*—Enrolled at Conference.~~

Young, Curtis—Sermons, 26; conversions, 1; members received, 1; salary, $425. Student at Elon College.

SERVING CHURCHES IN THE CONFERENCE BUT NOT MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE

Mason, R. C., Jr.—Student at Duke University and serving Mebane Church.

Minutes of the Twenty-First Biennial Session of the Southern Convention Woman's Missionary Convention

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BURLINGTON, N. C.

APRIL 28-29, 1953

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CONVENTION THEME: *"Rejoicing in Our Task"*

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Twenty-First Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, meeting in the First Christian Church, Burlington, North Carolina, was called to order by the President, Mrs. W. B. Williams, at two o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, April 28, 1953.

Mrs. Duane N. Vore, Spiritual Life Chairman, led an inspiring devotional service on "Faith for Our Task."

The President recognized Mrs. W. R. Sellars, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, and Mrs. O. H. Paris, Past Presidents of the Convention who were present, and the ministers of the Convention in attendance.

A telegram from Mrs. J. A. Williams, a Past President who was unable to attend because of illness, was read.

The President thanked Mrs. Cecil Whitlock, President of the Valley Virginia Woman's Conference, for making the badges used during the Convention.

A motion that greetings of the Convention be sent Mrs. W. T. Scott, North Carolina Woman's President, who was unable to attend because of illness was made and carried.

The president appointed the following Convention committees:

Recommendations—Mrs. Raye V. Knight, Chairman; Mrs. H. E. Robinson, Mrs. Carl Wallace.

Finance—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Chairman; Mrs. Garland Spratley, Miss Virginia Mason.

Credentials—Miss Ruth Dunn, Chairman; Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, Mrs. Harold Ingle.

Courtesy—Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Chairman; Mrs. J. R. Ellis, Mrs. Lena Rothgeb.

Place—Mrs. Garland Spratley.

Constitution—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Nominating Committee (elected at last session)— Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Chairman; Miss Susie Allen, Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Mrs. Harry Nelson, Mrs. Shelton Smith.

The following reports of the three Conference Presidents were adopted as presented:

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

"A Highway For Our God" was the theme for the thirty-ninth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference which was held at Bethlehem, (Nansemond County) Church with Mrs. W. T. Harrell, President, presiding. Dr. W. W. Sloan, professor of Bible and Philosophy at Elon College, vividly told how the highway was being built through Africa. Rev. Emerson Smith, Director of the Interracial Department of the Virginia Council of Churches, expressed the desire for a more friendly route for the migrants of Virginia. A new constitution was adopted, also, the revised Achievement goals for the convention. The financial goal of ten thousand dollars was exceeded. Dr. W. T. Scott installed Mrs. Garland Spratley, President, Mrs. Ray Gordon, Vice-President, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. George Cornell, Treasurer.

The Fortieth annual session was held on October second, at the Christian Temple, with the President, Mrs. Garland Spratley, presiding. Dr. W. W. Sloan spoke on "Africa, As I Saw It." He and Mrs. Sloan having spent the summer there. He reported most of the natives in government positions are products of the Christian Mission Schools. Rev. James Madren and W. T. Scott told of our Carroll County Mission, which was the recipient of the 1952 Thankoffering.

The superintendent of the Waverly, Suffolk, and Norfolk Districts reported attendance at the district meetings has increased. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Southern Convention, and Mrs. W. B. Williams, President of the Woman's Convention, were the guest speakers at the 1952 meetings. "Is It Nothing To You?" was the pertinent theme for 1953. Miss Hildegard Thiem captured the hearts of those present with her magnetic personality and enthusiastic portrayal of her work in the Caroline Islands.

"When you care, you will share," has been demonstrated by the gifts to our Friendly Service projects and the generous Thank Offering for Elon College and our Carroll County Mission, Franklinton Center has shared in the Life Memberships and Memorial Fund. The fellowship of our women has extended to the women of all denominations the observance of the World Day of Prayer, Mayfellowship Day and World Community Day. The members of our board have shared their information with the editor of the Woman's Page in the Christian Sun. There are one fourth of our societies active in local Councils of Church work.

Dr. Truman Douglas delighted a host of women at the Mission Institute in Suffolk, when he reviewed his book, "Missions To America." The Elon School of Missions is growing in popularity, there were forty-six attending from this conference last summer. We had representatives at the Service of Worship and Dedication, The National Fellowship of Congregational-Christian Women at the Biennial meeting of the General Council in Claremont, California, on June twenty-second, when our president, Mrs. W. B. Williams, presented the gift to the women of this convention for dedication.

As we journey along the King's Highway may we rededicate our lives to His service in a greater spirit of love and gratitude.

MRS. GARLAND W. SPRATLEY, *President,*
Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.

THE VALLEY OF VIRGINIA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

I was installed President of the Valley Conference Women to succeed Mrs. J. E. Bryant, October 9, 1952, in a very impressive service of installation led by the Convention President, Mrs. W. B. Williams, at the twenty-fifth annual session of the Virginia Valley Woman's Missionary Conference, at the Bethel Church.

Of the twenty churches in the Valley Conference, fourteen have active Women's organizations. Most of them have a definite Missionary program.

I have secured from the other six churches the name and address of a key woman, through whom I hope to work toward the goal of a complete organization of our women.

One of the churches organized a caravan of workers to visit some of the churches without Missionary Societies to try to stimulate interest. This was a very fine experience we hope to continue. I have made a number of visits to churches without organization for Missions, and am hopeful of satisfactory results.

The people of the Valley responded generously to the Thank Offering, for the work in Carroll County. The purchase of Life Membership and Memorials continues steadily. We are mindful, too, of the Friendly Service Projects. Boxes of useful things have been sent to Lucy Perry Noble Institute in India as a result of the appeal of Miss Oline Nicholson last year. At Christmas time the response to Ellis Island was good. Clothing has been sent to Migratory camps, and bundles for Peace appeal on World Community day found us bringing more warm clothing. Currently, we are collecting articles needed at Franklinton Center.

The School of Missions at Elon College was attended by nine of our women last year. This year we are working toward having at least one from each church.

I had the happy privilege of attending the Mid-winter Presidents meeting at Cleveland, Ohio, in January, and the Southeast regional meeting at Avon Park, Florida. Both meetings were a real inspiration to me.

On March 29 the Spring rallies were held. The afternoon meeting for the southern part of the Conference was held in the Mt. Olivet (R) Church, and the evening service for the Northern district was held in the Winchester Church, with Mrs. David McKeith as guest speaker. Mrs. McKeith brought challenging messages at both meetings. The church building fund was presented by Mr. Phillips who gave us real inspiration to give the fullest support.

Realizing that we can only grow spiritually as we enrich our Prayer life, my home church last year formed a Prayer band. Though few in number we enjoy the experience of united Prayer for personal guidance, for the spiritual growth of our church, and for guidance in the work our "Master" would have us do around the world. It is my earnest Prayer that all our women might catch the spark; and that together we might accomplish much in His name.

MRS. CECIL WHITLOCK, *President*

NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The beautiful Installation service at the close of the fall Conference at Apples Chapel on October 7, 1953, marked the beginning of my official service to the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference. Then and there I pledged my allegiance to the cause of missions as represented by our Conference and promised my best services to the work of Christ, as far as my strength and abilities would allow. My child-like faith reminded me of " how I felt" before our first baby came. It was wonderful to look forward to all the joys in store but somehow I did not feel equal to the job ahead. But a dear old lady in Dayton, Ohio, soon set me straight, by saying, "Child, don't worry, *the directions come on the heels.*" So it has been with our Conference work. Each day unfolds the directions and we follow them as best we can.

Immediately following the Conference and Installation Service, and Executive Board Meeting was held at our United Church in Raleigh with almost 100% attendance. Duties of each department were outlined and plans were made for the year's work. The Board members were guests of the Raleigh Woman's Society at a delightful and delicious luncheon.

On October 26 the Burlington District (Mrs. C. C. Ward, Supt.) held a meeting of the presidents and program chairmen at the First Church in Burlington. The purpose and plan of this meeting was to give and get

instructions concerning each department of our Conference work and to share the inspiration and experiences of the local societies in the Burlington District. A special effort was made to have every church represented and most of them were present. The Burlington Church women served refreshments.

November 23 the Greensboro District (Mrs. C. J. Wright, Supt.) held a similar "School of Instruction" for her presidents and program chairmen at the Reidsville church and the Reidsville women were hosts to the group, serving refreshing fruit juice and cookies. Splendid attendance!

January 18 the Raleigh District (Mrs. D. M. Estes, Supt.) held its initial planning meeting at the Durham Church. Again, a large representative group was present. It was a fortunate day for the District Meeting. We were the guest of the Durham Church at a Tea and Bible Exhibition and to a service of Dedication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

The Asheboro District (Mrs. Bill Simmons, Supt.) reports having met but since I did not attend this meeting I am unable to report the findings.

Each of the other Districts have already made plans to get together some time before the Fall Conference.

At the call of the Conference president, the *District Superintendents had an "all-day and luncheon" meeting at the home of Mrs. D. M. Estes in Durham.* The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss and make plans for the *Spring Rallies,* delegating to each Superintendent her responsibilities and opportunities toward making the Rallies a meaningful and worth while experience. At this meeting a skeleton program for the Rallies was made.

Your president has lead in the worship services for several of the District meetings and has given talks to the Greensboro Calvary Church and to the Burlington First Church. I have regretted having to postpone many invitations for speaking to local groups. It has been a real privilege to visit many churches and I have accepted every opportunity to "speak a good word for our Conference." I have represented our Conference at many committee meetings, among them being the Woman's Missionary Convention Board meeting held at Franklinton Center and the School of Missions Program Planning meeting held at the Alamance Hotel in Burlington. Letters have been written to local societies, to the District Presidents, and to the Departmen Chairmen. Many other individual letters have been necessary in order to keep the wheels of our Conference running. This joy of fellowship is a rich reward. I only wish there were more time for more letters.

It was indeed a happy privilege to attend the Women's Fellowship for State Presidents and the Mid-Winter Meetings of the Missions Council in Cleveland, Ohio. These meetings gave insight into the wide scope and areas of our mission work around the world. It was thrilling, too, to hear the reports of the presidents from every state in the union.

No doubt the recent Rallies have been the Highlights of my six months in office. I managed to attend and to speak at all five of them, using as a topic, "Is Anybody Listening?" The Rallies were held as follows:

March 23—Sanford District at Southern Pines (Mrs. R. L. House, Supt.)

March 24—Asheboro District at Union Grove (Mrs. Bill Simmons, Supt.)

March 25—Raleigh-Henderson District (Mrs. D. M. Estes and Mrs. Carl Wallace, Supt.)

March 26—Greensboro-Burlington District (Mrs. C. J. Wright and Mrs. C. C. Ward, Supts.)

March 27—Halifax District at Hebron Church (Mrs. Y. A. Bray, Supt.)

Mrs. David L. McKeith, Jr., wife of the Executive Vice-President of the American Board, a world traveler and a very choice and charming person

brought wonderful messages concerning our mission work. Mrs. W. E. Wisseman presented in a splendid way the needs and the plans for the Church Building Fund Campaign. Miss Pattie Lee Coghill was on hand every minute, running the whole gamut of "being helpful"—Business manager and chauffeur for the Rally Team, Official "Introductionist," Chairman of literature sales and service, etc. Really we couldn't get along without Pattie Lee!

The unusually large attendance and the very fine reports were indeed gratifying. The host churches did a "swell" job of entertaining. Each one made some extra contribution to the day's happiness. One church presented the guests with camelia corsages, another with artistic identification cards made in the form of a church, another served a free lunch, one church had six or more men present just to keep the fires going and the coffee hot. One district surprised us with a brand new society. For all of these extra specials we are grateful.

To the ministers, too, we would say a special word of appreciation. It meant a lot to have you present and to be assured of your interest and cooperation. Twenty or more ministers stood by us during the five days of missionary emphasis.

Generous oferings, totaling $160.76 were given, enabling all expenses of the Rallies to be paid including a special gift of $25.00 to Mrs. David L. McKeith, Jr.—and still leaving a balance of $52.02 to be added to our Thank Offering for Carroll County.

All arrows now point toward our Fall Conference which meets this year at our First Church, Greensboro. Our Conference planning committee is scheduled to meet on May 6 in Chapel Hill. An executive Board Meeting will also be called before the Fall Conference convenes.

While we have every right to be proud of what has been accomplished in our North Carolina Conference we also stand ready to admit our guilt for the things left undone. There are those who are hungry, but we have not fed them, there are those who are naked, and we have not clothed them, those who are sick whom we have not visited, and many lonely and unhappy, but we have not comforted them. May we renew our faith, extend our services, and press ever onward toward the mark of the High Calling of God.

DELLA C. SCOTT

Mrs. W. V. Leathers gave the Treasurer's Report, which was received and referred to the Finance Committee, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Biennial report of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches 1951-1953.

Receipts

North Carolina Conference				
1951-1952	Women	$8397.69		
1952-1953	Women	7207.62	$15,605.31	
1951-1952	Young People	$ 38.98	38.98	
1951-1952	Juniors	$ 203.64		
1952-1953	Juniors	174.92	$ 378.56	
1951-1952	Cradle Rolls	$ 257.18		
1952-1953	Cradle Rolls	$ 244.70	$ 481.88	$16,504.73
Virginia Valley Conference				
1951-1952	Women	$ 636.89		
1952-1953	Women	585.65	$ 1,222.54	
1951-1952	Young People	$ 111.58		

1952-1953	Young People	141.20	$ 252.78	
1951-1952	Juniors	$ 7.20		
1952-1953	Juniors	13.55	$ 20.55	
1951-1952	Cradle Rolls	$ 16.65		
1952-1953	Cradle Rolls	22.40	$ 39.05	$ 1,534.92
Eastern Virginia Conference				
1951-1952	Women	$7090.38		
1952-1953	Women	5280.23	$12,370.61	
1951-1952	Young People	$ 992.62		
1952-1953	Young People	883.03	$ 1,875.65	
1951-1952	Juniors	$ 463.09		
1952-1953	Juniors	279.46	$ 742.55	
1951-1952	Cradle Rolls	$ 439.44		
1952-1953	Cradle Rolls	509.44	$ 948,88	$15,937.69
				$33,977.34
Offering Convention 1951				102.31
Total for biennium				$34,079.65
Received from School of Missions 1951			$ 22.52	
Received from School of Missions 1952			8.48	
Refund President's exp. General Council			10.50	
Sale Year Books			200.00	$ 241.50
				$34,321.15
Cash in bank May 1, 1951				650.88
Total receipts and cash in bank March 4, 1953				$34,972.03

Disbursements

Geo. D. Colclough, Treas. S.C.C. (Timothy Chang)	$ 500.00
Fisher Harrison Printing Co.	27.50
Mrs. Shelton Smith, Rec. Secy.	12.85
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Meals, Bd. meeting	2.50
Emily C. Lester Exp. Bd. meeting	7.50
George D. Colcough, Treas. office material	9.10
Suffolk Ins. Corp., Bond for Treasurer	18.75
Mrs. William T. Scott, Exp. Bd. meeting	25.00
George D. Collough, Treas. Telephone	7.44
Burlington C. of C., Inc., mimeographing	75.00
Dorothy L. Register, exp. Bd. meeting	3.95
George D. Colclough, Treas. D. V. B. S. supplies	13.00
Reed Crews Printing Co.	3.15
Ed. A. Gunn, Record book and envelopes	9.85
George D. Colclough, Treas., office supplies	25.32
George D. Colclough, Treas., office supplies	9.66
Mrs. O. H. Paris, exp. Bd. meeting	2.50
Mrs. Tucker Humphries, stamps	5.00
George D. Colclough, Treas., postage-July	5.98
Hotel Vance, lunches	24.89
A. D. Pate Co., 1500 year books	180.00
Geo. Colclough, Treas. 1 qr. 1 yr. biennium '51-'53	2,486.43
Mrs. J. E. Bryant, exp. bd. meeting, Norfolk	12.45

Pattie Coghill, Supt. Lit. WMC	50.00	
Mrs. Duane N. Vore, exp. bd. meeting	18.50	
Pattie Coghill, car exp. bd. meeting, Henderson	9.93	
George D. Colcough, Treas., postage Aug., Sept.	11.26	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Pres. exp. acct. May-Sept. '51	9.25	
Della C. Scott, Supt. Visual Aids, exp. bd. meeting	8.30	
Geo. Colcough, Treas. 1 yr. 2 qr. biennium '51-'53	4,343.96	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas., Life Mbs. & Memorials	730.00	
Franklin Printing Co.	27.50	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp. Ingram, Va.	20.80	
Patrick Henry Hospital	10.00	
Franklin Printing Co.	4.50	
Mrs. Keith Elliott, gift to Mrs. McClintock	10.00	
Mrs. T. G. Humphries, Life & Mem. certificates	12.29	
Mrs. J. E. Bryant, exp. bd. meeting, Henderson	15.00	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp. 5 mbs. bd. meeting	24.00	
Mrs. W. J. Andes, exp. bd. meeting, Henderson	5.50	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas. exp. acct.	3.75	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Pres. exp. acct.	13.60	
Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries, postage	10.00	
Geo. Colclough, Tr., 3rd qr. 1 yr. biennium '51-'53	5,846.28	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas. Life Mbs. & Mrls.	120.00	
Trollingers, Florist	10.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas. Life Mbs. & Mrls.	290.00	
Franklin Printing Co.	6.50	
Pilgrim Press, film, "Is Your Home Fun?"	10.34	
Exp. of Pres. mid-winter mtg., Cleveland, '51	140.00	
L. E. Diggs, Florist	10.75	
Mrs. Garland Spratley, exp. Sch. of Missions	8.78	
H. A. Wynne	17.45	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, exp. bd. mbs., Warrenton	17.00	
Mrs. W. J. Andes, N. C. Pres. exp., Goldsboro	2.25	
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, exp. Bd. meeting	12.80	
Natl. Council, Chs. of Christ, "Pages of Power"	2.03	
Mrs. Rachel Wallace, exp. Bd. meeting	2.05	
Carried forward	$15,301.74	
Total receipts brought forward		$34,972.03
Disbursements brought forward	$15,301.74	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Pres.	10.77	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas. Life Mbs. & Me. Fund	260.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas. Staley Me. Fund	500.00	
Geo. Colclough, Tr. 1st. qr. 2 yr. biennium '51-'53	2,722.67	
Pilgrim Press, set Family Life Audio Visual Kit	36.16	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Pres. NC & Valley Dist. mtg.	37.90	
Hotel Carolina	28.23	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas. 'phone calls, telegrams	3.91	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Pres. exp. acct.	26.83	
The Franklin Printing Co.	10.75	
Board of Publications of Sou. Conv. Office	96.60	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Treas. exp. Bd. meeting	22.00	
Mrs. June Stevens, Supt. Yg. People, exp. bd. mtg.	3.00	
Exp. of Pres., to Claremont, Calif. Gen. Council	200.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas., exp. acct.	19.49	
Mrs. Tucker Humphries, exp. Bd. meeting	6.67	
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, exp. Franklinton, N. C.	4.00	
G. Colclough, Tr., 2nd qr. 2nd yr. biennium '51-'53	2,377.61	
Suffolk Ins. Corp., premium on bond for treas.	18.75	
George D. Colclough, Treas., exp. acct.	4.34	
Hotel Vance, luncheon bd. members	17.30	

Mrs. Carl Wallace, exp. bd. mtg. Hotel Warren	1.50	
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, exp. bd. mtg. Hotel Warren	11.70	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Pr., exp. bd. mtg., Warrenton	31.33	
Mrs. J. E. Bryant, exp. bd. mtg. Hotel Warren	14.90	
Mrs. Naomi Kirkpatrick, pass. bd. mtg. Warrenton	11.05	
Elon College	58.00	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Pr., Mimo. & Mlng. rpt. blks.	19.14	
Franklin Printing Co.	27.25	
Geo. Colclough, Treas., 3rd qr. biennium '51-'53	4,367.00	
Mrs. W. E. Wisseman	25.75	
Franklin Printing Co.	4.50	
Ed. A. Gunn, envelopes, Life & Mem. Cert.	3.51	
Geo. Colclough, Tr., cut appr. in Christian Sun	23.40	
Franklin Printing Co.	6.25	
Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries, stamps	10.00	
Pattie Lee Coghill, Film strips	30.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Tr., Life Mbs. & Mem.	1,080.00	
Mrs. W. M. Stevens, exp. bd. meeting	3.00	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, exp. N. C. & Valley Con.	40.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Tr., Staley Mem. Fund	500.00	
Mrs. W. B. Williams, Pr., exp. acct. Dec. '52-Jan. '53	18.69	
Exp. of Pres., trip to Cleveland, 1952	140.00	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Tr., Life Mbs. & Mem.	120.00	
G. D. Colclough, Tr., 4th qr. 2 yr. biennium '51-'53	6,277.39	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Tr., exp. acct. June '52-Oct. '53	12.75	
Fraklin Printing Co.	6.75	
Mrs. Duane Vore, Supt. Sprt. Life, folders for Lent	10.50	
L. E. Diggs, Florist	10.81	$34,573.89
Balance in bank March 4, 1953		$ 398.14

Total Receipts	$34,972.03
Total Disbursements	34,573.89
Total in bank March 4, 1953	$ 398.14

Life Membership & Memorial Fund

Cash in bank April 30, 1951, as certified by American Bank & Trust Co.	$2875.44
Interest to date	54.86
Life Membership & Memorial Fund Biennium, 1951-1953	2600.00
	$5530.30
George D. Colclough, Treas. S. C. C. (Timothy Chang)	2000.00
Balance in bank	$3530.30

This is to certify that on this day, April 23, 1953, *there is on deposit in the American Bank & Trust Company, Suffolk, Virginia, to the credit of Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer, Woman's Missionary Convention, Congregational Christian Churches,* $3,503.30. (*Life Membership & Memorial Fund.*)

Cashier American Bank & Trust Co.

W. W. Staley Memorial Scholarship Fund

Cash in bank April 30, 1951, as certified by Farmers Bank of Nansemond	$1104.20
Interest to date	27.98
Premium on Bonds	250.00
Gift Woman's Mission Convention biennium, 1951-1953	1000.00
	$2382.18

Scholarship given	75.00
	$23.07.18
United States Savings Bond, Series G	5000.00
Total W. W. Staley Memorial Scholarship Fund	$7307.18

This is to certify that on this 23 *day of April,* 1953, *there is on deposit in the Farmers Bank of Nansemond, Suffolk, Virginia, to the credit of W. W. Staley Memorial Scholarship Fund, Woman's Board of Missions, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treasurer,* $2307.18.

Cashier Farmers Bank of Nansemond

Mrs. L. W. Stagg read the Historian's report, which was received and made a part of the Convention's records, as follows:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN
('38 to '48)

Four decades have passed since organized work among our women began. These have been busy and happy years enriched by the fellowship always gained when Christian people work together for a common cause.

There could be no history were it not for looking backward as we shall now see. Today, we are meeting with the Burlington Congregational Christian Church for the third time—on May 3rd, 1916, and April 26th, 1932. Some of you may recall being here, unofficially, in May, 1913, just after the first session of the Woman's Missionary Convention adjourned at Elon in time for the women to come here for some special meeting of the Southern Christian Convention.

This report is concerned with the events from 1938 to 1948. The highlight of the 1938 session in Portsmouth, Virginia, was the report on the great Silver Jubilee which fittingly memoralized Dr. W. W. Staley, the founder of this organization. The details of this event have been recorded, but here must be added that his wise counsel did much to place our work upon a sound foundation. This period is one of interest in which new fields of endeavor were being tried.

The 14th session met at Elon College, N. C., April 18-19, 1939. The Convention was then looking forward to a School of Missions in June, 1940, under the leadership of Mrs. J. Monroe Harris. This was indeed a forward step, and proved to be a great success. This 14th session was marked by growing enthusiasm which was shown by reports from each department. The Conference Presidents reported fine work being done by all the societies. Dr. C. P. Garmon, our outstanding Missionary to Japan, was the guest speaker, and told of his thirty-three years' experience with the Japanese. This was the last time Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Mission Secretary, was to meet with us. Though too ill to speak, his great message on "Positive Faith" was read by his secretary, Mrs. Mattie Parker.

The goal for the next biennium was voted to remain $20,000. Mrs. Stanley Harrell resigned, and Mrs. J. M. Harris became the eighth President.

The 15th session met again at Elon College, N. C., on June 17-18, 1941. On Wednesday morning in the Whitley Auditorium lovely and sacred memorial services were held honoring the memory of our beloved Dr. J. O. Atkinson who passed away on July 2, 1940. Dr. Atkinson with his great faith, devotion to the mission cause, and boundless energy, directed our work from its inception. It was voted that the 1941 Conferences be dedicated to his memory with a memorial gift to be used to establish a scholarship under his name in the Theological Seminary at Bangalore, India. Dr. Ruth Seabury of the American Board, and Miss Angie Crew of Japan made a great contribution to this session. Total offering for the biennium was $19,089.45.

The next, and sixteenth session, was held in the First Congregational Christian Church in Greensboro, N. C., June 15-16, 1943. Each department

reporting showed marked advancement. The newly added Friendly Service Department should have special mention. Under the leadership of the late Mrs. Claud Eley some splendid work was done. Needed supplies were sent to the Japanese evacuees on the West Coast, Grants Hospital in New Mexico, our mountain work, and other worthy and needy stations.

Mrs. Guy Theland of China was the guest speaker, and brought an inspirational message on "China's Greatest Need." The goal was exceeded by more than $1,000.00, and the goal for the next biennium was $22,250.00. Mrs. J. M. Harris resigned, making Mrs. W. E. Wisseman the ninth President.

The war, and travel restrictions made it necessary to cancel the session for 1945. The School of Missions was also suspended. Each Conference willingly responded to the "Stay-at-Home Convention" idea, and the work went on. When the 1947 session met at Elon College on June 17-18 the records for the past two bienniums were accepted as official. During this period three new departments were added. Interdenominational Cooperation, Friendly Service, and Historian. The offering was $33,624.97. Mrs. W. E. Wisseman resigned, and Mrs. O. H. Davis became the tenth President. Again we were honored to have Dr. Ruth Seabury with us.

This eighteenth session will be reverently remembered for the sacred and lovely memorial service observed for Mrs. C. H. Rowland who passed on to greater work during the past biennium (this service has been recorded in the permanent records of this organization). Mrs. Rowland was the first President of this Convention serving six years. She served the Eastern Virginia Conference Woman's Board twelve years, and North Carolina's Woman's Board six years. The influence of her godly life, and great devotion to the Mission cause will live on and on in the lives of those who were touched by hers. Her record was a brilliant one; her entire life was nobly lived. It seems fitting that this period of our Convention's history should end here today while we are thinking of the one who paved the way for us, and made many achievements possible.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. L. W. STAGG

Mrs. W. E. Wisseman read the report of the Constitution Committee, stating the proposed change in the Constitution, which appears later in these minutes as the adopted report of the Committee on the Constitution.

Mrs. Raye V. Knight read the Recommendations of the Woman's Board to the Convention (which appear later in these minutes as the adopted report of the Recommendations Committee), following which Mrs. W. E. Wisseman and Mrs. Robert Lee House spoke—presenting, very effectively, the proposed Thank Offering and Life Membership and Memorials projects, respectively.

The report of the Friendly Service Chairman, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF FRIENDLY SERVICE CHAIRMAN

In the first year of this closing biennium, 1951-'52, the women of our societies sent Friendly Service gifts to the following groups:

1. The Migrants
2. Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico
3. Franklinton, N. C.
4. Fort Berthold Mission
5. Lebanon

A service of dedication was prepared and sent to each society to use as they dedicated their gifts.

This past year, 1952-'53, societies were asked to send gifts to Ellis Island and to Miss Corrinne Nordquist in Africa. A Christmas party program was prepared and most societies in the Convention held a party with gifts for Ellis Island. In addition many societies are now sending gifts to Africa.

For the new year, we are suggesting our work in Puerto Rico:

1. The churches
2. The hospital
3. The farm

Definite suggestions for gifts will be included in the packet.

We also suggest the use of Share Parcels to help India help herself.

We will continue to emphasize Coupons for the Orphanage and the sending of materials to Miss Oline Nicholson in India.

MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,
Vice-President

Miss Virginia Groomes sang "How Beautiful Are The Feet" (from Handel's Messiah).

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented Mrs. James Hess (former missionary to India) and the Rev. and Mrs. William Q. McKnight (missionaries to Japan); after which Rev. McKnight spoke on "My Task in Japan."

Following announcements by the host pastor, Dr. H. E. Robinson, Dr. W. T. Scott brought greetings to the Convention from Mrs. Scott (hospital patient), and the afternoon session was adjourned.

TUESDAY—DINNER MEETING

At 6:00 p. m. a Fellowship Dinner was held, with Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Vice-President, presiding.

Group singing was led by Mrs. D. B. Harrell, Jr.

Mrs. Harold Ingle, President of the Woman's Society of the host church, welcomed those present.

Greetings from the Southern Convention Layman's Fellowship were brought by Mrs. J. Earl Danieley.

Mrs. Carl Wallace and Mrs. Eleanor Wheeless presented an original skit telling of the School of Missions.

Facts concerning the Church Building Loan Fund were presented by Mr. Martin Garren and Dr. Henry Robinson.

Miss Luuk Groot, student at Elon College, delighted those present when, dressed in native Dutch costume, she spoke as "A Friend From Another Country."

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION

The evening session was called to order by Mrs. W. B. Williams, President, and following a hymn Mrs. John G. Truitt, President of the Southern Convention Mission Board and a past president of the Woman's Convention, led in prayer, after which the choir of the host church sang the anthem, "O Divine Redeemer."

Dr. W. T. Scott introduced Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Minister and Executive Secretary of the Missions Council, who brought the evening's address on "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World."

Following the offering which was presented as a "love gift" to the McKnights for their work in Japan, the Convention was adjourned with Benediction by Dr. Leiper.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Wednesday morning session opened with songs by the children of the Kindergarten of the Burlington Church, following which Mrs. Carl Dawson led in prayer.

Mrs. Williams read her report as President of the Woman's Convention, which was accepted, as follows:

"REJOICING IN OUR TASK"

Report of the President

One can hardly imagine the number of duties that fall into the hands of the president of such an organization as we represent here today; and I would not try to list the number of things I have done, nor give you the statistics of the various meetings I have attended, as well as the hundreds of letters written, and the thousands of pieces of mimeographed materials that have passed through my hands during the past biennium.

Many of you do not realize the number of agencies of the church one automatically becomes involved in as the leader of this organization—and how interesting the work becomes. How I wish I had at my command the words to impart to you some of the great thrill and the spirit of humility that has come to me as I have represented you at national, area, convention-wide, conference, and even the smallest of the district meetings.

How proud I was to attend the Mid-Winter Meetings of the Missions Council and there share with the other women state presidents information regarding our women's work in the Southern Convention. What an opportunity it was to sit in those meetings and see the whole mechanical operation of our denomination unfold before my eyes, as well as sharing in the great spiritual experiences of the group. You will never know what a feeling of warmth and gratitude came to me as I stood with the other state presidents on the platform of that huge auditorium in Claremont, California, this past summer and represented you in the dedication of the National Woman's Gift. It was indeed with an humble spirit that I shared in this service—realizing that in many instances a part of the $9,745.88 our Southern Convention women had contributed in "over and above" gifts were truly sacrificial dollars—a love gift that helped swell the National Woman's Gift for 1950-1952 to $226,000.

But even that moment at the meeting of the General Council did not overshadow the great experience that was mine in the Spring of 1952 when I had the privilege of attending each district meeting in our Woman's Missionary Convention. For it was there that I had the opportunity to talk with you in small groups, and to meet representative women of nearly all our churches in the Convention.

As I have tried to lead you in the promotion of all phases of our work I have been mindful of the fact: "An organization of church women exists to help women cultivate the spirit of Christ, beginning with in their own lives and reaching out into home and community and the uttermost parts of the earth."

What a tremendous task is ours—this task to which our 600,000 Congregational Christian Women belonging to our National Fellowships are dedicated, but it is a task in which we can all rejoice.

The reports that are being made by our various officers here at this meeting will show that our women in the Southern Convention have been "Building With Love and Gratitude" as they traveled the Highway that would ultimately lead them, and others, to their Master.

Now, as we soon close the door on the 1951-1953 biennium at the same time we open the door of the 1953-1955 biennium. As we rejoice in tasks accomplished, let us look forward to new tasks that will present themselves —for never before have women had such opportunities for dedicated Christian service as they find in every path of life today. And let us

remember that no matter how shall we consider our own task it has a very vital part in the total program of our Master's Plan.

In "A Task and Program Statement" prepared for the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Missions Council (1953) we find these words:

> *"Our task and responsibility . . . will require that all of us and each in his own place and way will need to make his contribution as members of one team under our Divine Master. "It all goes together" because "In Him," as Paul told the church at Colossae, "all things stand together as parts of a related whole." We are a fellowship whose strength depends upon our willingness to share responsibility in hard tasks to which only our sense of obligation can compel us . . . Let us constantly recall that what we propose and do we do in concert, as parts of a mighty fellowship which reaches deep and wide, from where we sit clear around the world."*

May God give us strength and courage to continue in His Way—"Rejoicing In Our Task."

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS

The following reports of the Department Superintendents and Committee Chairmen were read and adopted:

REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL SUPERINTENDENT

The Cradle Roll Department is no less important than any phase of our church work in the Southern Convention for it is here that the seeds of missions are planted.

During the 1951-'53 biennium there has been much activity in this department. Reports have been received from 54 active departments totaling 1,117 enrolled. We have study books and through interest created by such study $548.50 has been sent to missions through the Cradle Roll Department.

Programs and materials for use in the June Cradle Roll Party were included in the Woman's Packet which went to every local society in the Convention. In 1952 we worked with the Friendly Service Department in arranging a Christmas Party for the Cradle Roll centering around the theme of "Ellis Island Immigrants." Gifts were sent to Ellis Island to be distributed to immigrant children in residence there.

This department endeavors to keep a current list of good reading materials for both parents and teachers and once a year this list is sent to local societies.

To say that this report tells the true story of Cradle Roll activity in the Southern Convention would be incorrect. Many of our churches are doing fine work with the Cradle Roll children but do not consider it a department. Perhaps there are churches which use our literature and materials that we do not know about. It is the aim of this department to have active Cradle Roll work in every church in the Southern Convention and to make available to them materials and books which will help them to lead the children into their rightful place as Christian leaders of tomorrow.

MRS. CARL WALLACE,
Superintendent

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUPERINTENDENT

A part of the heritage of every young person in the Congregational Christian Church is a knowledge of the great world wide fellowship of which he is a part. The women of our convention have a grave responsibility in helping make this possible. Beginning with the nursery department on, never wavering in our responsibility until our youth become adults and then the strong groups must help the weak. As I think of the material available, written and presented in such an interesting manner for our

young people, I feel that we are failing in our mission unless we see that the young people of our church groups have this material made available for them.

The young people of our churches have had a part in many phases of our mission program. The outstanding mission project of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Convention during the biennium was the bringing of a young man, Jose Dabuet, from the Philippines to study at Princeton Theological Seminary. $1,250 was given for this project. This year their gifts for foreign missions will be for a project in West Africa to assist a native teacher in her work. The home mission project is Moonelon and the Carroll County Mission. You will see from the treasurer's report that our youth have had a share in the thank offering for Japan Christian University and church extension at Carroll County, Virginia. The Pilgrim Fellowship has also shared in the aid given Franklinton Center, in the form of Life Memberships and Memorials.

Other activities include Work Day For Christ, the money earned going to missions. One group of young people after hearing Miss Nicholson tell of her work in India were inspired and sent a check to Miss Miriam Brown at Lucy Perry Noble Institute, for the education of a little girl thirteen years of age from the famine area. The North Carolina and Virginia Conference Youth Fellowship bought hymnals for Jose Dabuet to use in his work in the Philippines.

Forty of our youth groups have participated in the friendly service projects designated by the Woman's Convention, including clothing for Ryder Memorial Hospital, Puerto Rico, surgical gauze, gowns, layettes for Dr. Lora Dyer Mission Hospital, Philippine Islands and needed materials for Miss Jennie Pratt on Ellis Island.

Thirty-seven youth groups have used the mission study books, with guides for suggested activities. It was my privilege to teach the mission study book, "Looking South" at Summer Conference at Elon. Thirty young people attended this course and outlined plans for their mission program for the year.

At each state rally some emphasis has been given to the mission program of the Pilgrim Fellowship. We have had some very interesting speakers. Mrs. Dela Udvornoki, from Africa, Mr. Piediscolze, National Pilgrim Fellowship President, and our own Mrs. Charlie Johnson from Suffolk, Virginia, also others I have failed to mention.

From reports received we have several new Pilgrim Fellowship organizations, including: Hopewell, Hope Mills, Monticello, Berea, Beverley Hills, reorganization of the group at Waverly and a young adult group, college age, at Christian Temple, Norfolk.

In thinking over our progress and failures I would like to suggest the following:

1. Please, when you purchase your material for your woman's organization at the School of Missions at Elon in June, remember your youth organizations, their material will be on sale also.
2. Encourage your youth to attend summer conferences, state rallies, retreats, other events planned to enrich their Christian growth.

In the preface of her book "Our Country India," Rebecca Wells Loeffler wrote:

> *"These are the young people who constitute the India that can be. In no other country in the world is there a greater need for vision to keep life sweet or for patience to be will to cut the steps that others may climb."*

This is our task that we might encourage and inspire the youth of our land.

May God bless you as we undertake this task together.

MRS. W. MILLARD STEVENS,
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE CONVENTION EDITOR

During the past biennium I have been gratified with the fine material which has come to me for use on the Woman's Page of *The Christian Sun.* Local societies, conference and convention officers have all contributed to our store of knowledge and have given us good ideas for work through their articles in this page.

In addition to the material which you have furnished, I have endeavored to give news of our National Women's Fellowship and to provide information concerning our missionaries for special study each year.

There are two requests for future material:

1. Please send in news from local societies as it happens —and not just a resume of the year's work (and sometimes it is a long time after!) the year is over. Apparently a number of societies sent in the report blank to their district superintendent last fall, checking that they *had* sent in an article to *The Christian Sun* during the year—and *then* hastened to send in one! To me this does not seem exactly honest, even if intentions are good, and besides it does not furnish up-to-date news. Short, interesting accounts of things you are planning to do or have just finished doing, sent in all through the year, would give us a much better page than we now have.
2. If you are responsible for sending in plans for a meeting, please do so in ample time for the announcement to get to the readers of *The Sun* in time for them to make plans to attend the meeting. You must remember that I am supposed to have material in to the publisher by the Friday before the Thursday on which the paper is published. And, furthermore, you must remember that in many cases that issue does not reach its readers until the week after its publication date.

My job as Convention Editor differs from some of the other departments in that it means work every week. Your help is greatly appreciated.

EMILY C. LESTER, *Editor*

SPIRITUAL LIFE SUPERINTENDENT

"To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God."

The above quotation from "The Hope of a New World" by William Temple declares the aim of any Spiritual Life Department.

Throughout the past biennium our Spiritual Life has been undergirded by our Bible Study. Through study we do truly feed the mind with the truth of God.

In 1951-'52 the recommended Bible Study was a study of the book of James aided by the use of "Applied Christianity" by Samuel Glasgow. Miss Lucy Steele set our feet very firmly on a spiritual "Highway for Our

God" (our theme for the year) with her very inspirational teaching of our Bible Study at the School of Missions.

During 1952-'53 our study of Colossians has been led by a Leader's Guide prepared by Joseph M. Gettys.

In 1953-'54 our recommended study will be "Mirrors of the Soul" prepared by Wallace M. Alston. This is a devotional study based on eight selected Psalms, its purpose being to help us find a new reality in personal and corporate worship. Through these Psalms we are led to see our own experiences reflected and we are challenged to allow thse Hebrew poems to quicken our imagination, deepen our insights, stimulate our thinking and renew our devotion to God. I also commend to you "Portraits of the Master" by Robert A. Lapsley, Jr. Help for living in these days should be the result of this study.

Before me are the reports I have received from District Superintendents during the past two years. I would share with you the heartening fact that all of our womn's societies list a planned devotional service at each meeting. A large majority of our societies have held their Bible Study either as a group study, devotional service, or personal devotions. Some groups have not used the Bible Study and several list no spiritual life chairman. May I urge you to remember the importance of this particular phase of our women's work. The function of our women's societies is different from that of clubs and other community organizations. Worship is primary. The devotional life of each woman should be so strengthened and enriched through her membership in the woman's organization that she finds herself ready to meet the routine tasks and emergencies of each day and eager to share her spiritual treasure and her possessions with others. The use of hymn and the Lord's Prayer at a meeting is not worship, but is likely to be the inevitable end for a group that does not have a Spiritual Life Chairman willing to spend time and thought in helping to plan the year's program. May one of our aims be for a new year to find every society with a chosen spiritual life chairman, a planned devotional service and using the recommended Bible Study.

May every woman through her spiritual life—personal and as part of the larger group—grow more aware of God's presence. May this awareness lead her to lift her heart in praise and thanksgiving, to bow in confession and petition, to renew her dedication to His purpose; By so doing she will find herself strengthened in spirit and each day will find her truly rejoicing in her task.

MRS. DUANE N. VORE,
Spiritual Life Superintendent

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AND MEMORIALS

I have enjoyed serving as Superintendent of Life Memberships and Memorials these past two years.

I have come to know some of you through correspondence that I did not know before. You have been good in your respnse to the buying of Life Memberships and Memorials. The money derived from this source during the past biennium will be used to help renovate the buildings at Franklinton Center.

Statistically speaking:

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

North Carolina	100	$1,000.00
Eastern Virginia	83	830.00
Virginia Valley	8	80.00
Total	191	$1,910.00

MEMORIALS

North Carolina	32	$320.00
Eastern Virginia	40	400.00
Virginia Valley	3	30.00
Total	75	$750.00
Grand Total of Certificates	266	
Grand Total of Receipts	$2,660.00	

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. TUCKER G. HUMPHRIES

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION

"Have we not one Father? Hath not one God created us?"
Malachi 2:10

As a church finds strength in giving to the wider work of the denomination by supporting its missionary program, so, our church women are continually finding strength in cooperating with other denominations in programs of Christian fellowship, worship, and the support of united projects.

Our women are increasingly participating in the three Interdenominational observances sponsored by the Council of Church Women—The World Day of Prayer, World Community Day, and the May Fellowship Day. The World Day of Prayer service was held by most of our churches and the report was good. The committee though has no way of finding out whether the World Community Day and the May Fellowship Day were observed with other denominations or just with another group of our own denomination. Our churches have been very generous with their contributions of material things for World Community Day but were not too enthusiastic in participating in the Program for Peace planned for that observance. "Bundles" without our prayers for Peace are like a gift given away without the spirit of love.

The Council of Church Women has as its purpose "to strengthen the bond of Christian fellowship, to unify denominations, nationalities, and races and thus make possible the united voice and action of church women." Thus as chairman of this committee I urge our women to work together on an interdenominational level and thus unify our protestant women in a study of those factions working in our world against our protestant ideals.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. HENRY E. ROBINSON

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY LIFE

There is an increasing appreciation within the churches of the Southern Convention of the unique importance of family life in the growth of Christian character and faith. The activities of many churches are planned to consider the entire family from the smallest to the grandmother. For the last few years there is much that is exciting and new in the family program and materials of churches, denominations and interdenominational agencies. Many of our Sunday Schools use the Pilgrim Series, with the material each quarter you find planned programs where families may participate as a family group. Many of our families are using the family book. The home book this last fall quarter was a Bible Quiz Book. This activity furnishes fun and pleasure for each member of the family. This year being the completion of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, many churches had a Bible exhibit and family night. In this project many churches found the entire community interested and helpful in getting material for the exhibit.

So much of our material for promoting loyalty Sunday and other special days and events has centered around the family. The family has

been encouraged to worship together at the regular church service, to make their "Church pledge" as a family. Many of our churches provide church nurseries for the little ones, so that no one is prevented from attending church, also devotional material for National Family Week, films have been shown promoting better family relations, family camps, a home committee for shut-ins, grandmothers tea, family Christmas party and one church had a strawberry festival.

The Family Life Travel Library has been used by some of our families in the Convention and is still available to those interested, it will be sent on request. This library is made possible by the Division of Christian Education, 19 S. La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

Activities in the home this committee has tried to promote, include: family worship, Christmas Eve Home Service, and grace at meal time.

Seventy-two of our churches in the Southern Convention observed National Family Week this past May 4-10. The theme for the week, "Brotherhood Begins At Home." Many homes were reached through the *Christian Sun* with suggestions and devotionals for this observance and other special days. The program chairman of the Woman's Convention has provided us with a program for National Family week, found in the packet. Many helpful suggestions come from the Guide Post, our National news sheet.

Happy is the family
That has a true home
Built by loyal hearts,
For a home is not a dwelling
But a living fellowship;
And two or three people with understanding and affection
Can dwell in a mansion of joy
Though their home be very small.

—LELAND FOSTER WOOD

Best wishes as you strive to enrich Christian families in your church and community.

MRS. W. MILLARD STEVENS,
Acting Chairman

VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT

The most enthusiastic report that I can make for the Visual Aids Department is in the realm of and the hope for the future. The promise there is great. We have scarcely tapped our resources. A wealth of education awaits those who will dare to probe the wonderful opportunities.

A quick glance at the statistical reports from the local societies to the District Superintendents for the first half of he biennium is proof enough that the reports are not an adequate index of facts. Evidently, more emphasis has been given to the "blanks" than to the reports. There were 131 societies listed but only 40 indicated the use of either films or slides. This I cannot believe to be a true picture, especially since the same report says that there are 20 societies in our Convention that own their Visual Aid equipment, and since a report from our Convention office says that requests for Visual Aid materials are on the increase. The feature film, "A Wonderful Life" had only 11 openings according to the reports, or to the "blanks." The runner ups were "More for Peace" and "Family Life." (Five showings each). The reports for the second half of the biennium have not reached me. Here's hoping that they will reveal the true facts and that we can *report* a wider use of Visual Aids in our Convention. Somehow, from verbal reports, I have gathered the feeling that we are doing a much better job than these reports would lead us to believe. Moral . . . let's fill in the "blanks."

We are proud of and grateful for the title to the recent gift of a projector and a screen from the Laymen's Fellowship, for general use in the Convention.

We have bought during the biennium:

1. Four Family Film Strips
   "Built Upon the Rock"
   "For the Record"
   "No Easy Answer"
   "Harvest for Holidays" cost $35.00
2. Bible Through the Centuries
   Pilgrim Series Film Strip cost .....$ 5.00

Besides these purchases, we made a contribution of $25.00 toward the purchase of the Leadership Education Series, in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education. The total expenditure for the department during the biennium was $65.00.

A list of Visual Aid materials, slides and films, which are available from the Convention office may be found in the 1953 Literature Packet.

Perhaps the most welcome and helpful announcement that I can make to you is the brand new idea of Rev. Alexander B. Ferguson, Director of our Department of Visual Aids for all of our Congregational Christian churches and who maintains an office, at your service, at 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The *Brand New Idea* is an *Audio Visual Newsletter* which Mr. Ferguson promises to issue occasionally (6 to 8 times a year), presenting many interesting facts and "previews" of the new materials already in the depositories of the department, together with the forecast of "What to Look For." A News Letter is yours for the asking. Free of charge except for the one string tied to the proposition, "that you dig into your jeans for a bit of cash to help finance the operation." Your contribution is optional but important. Send along whatever you think such a service would be worth to you during the year. I could recommend no better contact for interest and real help than that each of our Visual Aid Chairmen subscribe to this News Letter. It is what we have been waiting for. My recommendation to the New Visual Aid Chairman and to her department is the Visual Aid News Letter.

May I mention five of the brand new materials available to us?

1. "The King's Man" was said by some at the Mid-Winter Meeting in Cleveland to be the best Mission film yet shown. It is a new color film presenting the life story of a native pastor in Angola. Shows many of our Mission Stations in Africa as well as authentic life and church activity in Africa.
   50 minutes $8.00 to C. C.'s only—$12.00 to others.
2. "Know Your Next Door Neighbor"—Four new films in a series on world brotherhood produced especially for children and young people. Across the world the lives of children vary in a fascinating way—but it is in their sameness that a great truth lies. It is because all share the same hopes and dreams that all are brothers and sisters.
   Each film 13½ min. Kodachrome Rental $6.00 each.
3. "The Toymaker"—New, delightful, sound film fantasy. Two puppets worked by the hands of the toymaker who created them, came to realize they are a part of each other—that when they fight they actually hurt themselves. Useful to illustrate the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of man. Can be adapted to race relations emphasis. Comments at Mid-Winter meeting were "probably better for adults than children but useful for both."
   13 minutes Rental $4.00
4. "For Every Child"—New release to undergrid your teaching program, recruit teachers, inspire them, chide

parents about neglecting children in the church community.
30 minutes Rental $8.00.

5. "The Hidden Heart"—The new feature film for fall stewardship emphasis. Following the train of "More for Peace," "Second Chance," and "A Wonderful Life." Some who saw it in Cleveland said, "Best yet."
30 minutes Free to C. C.'s

The goal for "The Hidden Heart" is a showing in every church of our Congregational Christian Fellowship. Book it right away for your church.

May we accept our world of opportunities in Visual Aids.

MRS. WILLIAM T. SCOTT,
Chairman

REPORT OF LITERATURE CHAIRMAN

Your Literature Committee has selected and prepared materials each year in an attempt to produce a packet which would be inspirational and practical to the local societies. The National Women's Fellowship themes, "A Highway for Our God," 1951-1952, and "Building—With Love and Gratitude," 1952-1953, were used as our themes. This past year we sold 128 packets. Reports on use of these have been most favorable.

We will join with women in Congregational Christian Churches across the country this year in the use of the materials on the theme, "Rejoicing In Our Task." The combined theme for home and foreign missions is "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World." The study books and materials on this theme will be included in our packet also. The packets will be ready for distribution at the School of Missions in June.

As Chairman of the Committee, I attended practically all of the Board meetings of the Woman's Convention and the three Conferences; the annual Conference meetings and the District Rallies; also meetings in a large number of local societies. Displays of literature and materials were provided at most of the meetings. During the biennium additional materials were mailed and inquiries answered by the hundreds. We have been very pleased with the cooperation of our women in the Convention, Conferences, Districts, and local churches in the production and use of the materials.

Respectfully submitted,
PATTIE LEE COGHILL

Dr. William T. Scott spoke to the Convention on "Our Home Mission Task in the Southern Convention." Mrs. John G. Truitt read the report of the Staley Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee, which was adopted as follows:

The Staley Memorial Scholarship Committee of the Woman's Convention met in the home of the chairman, Mrs. John G. Truitt, Elon College, North Carolina, on April 6, 1953, at 4:00 p. m. Dr. L. E. Smith, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman and Mrs. Truitt of the Committee, Mrs. W. B. Williams, President of the Woman's Convention, and Mrs. W. V. Leathers and Mrs. W. T. Scott, visitors, were present.

The following votes were taken, which will be presented to the Convention in Burlington, North Carolina, April 28, 29, 1953.

Voted to include this preliminary statement in our report: It is understood and agreed by the Trustees of Elon College and the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches that these particular funds when received by the Trustees of the College become a part of the Trust Funds of the College, the principal of which shall be held inviolate for the purpose for which these funds were secured.

Voted that all cash money in the Staley Memorial Fund in the hands of the Treasurer be invested in Government Bonds in keeping with the authorization of the Woman's Convention. The remainder of this fund is

to be allocated as a Scholarship Fund to be used at the discretion of the Committee.

Voted that when completed the entire fund or investment of $7,100.00 is to be turned over to Elon College to be administered by the College, and that the College shall confer with the president of the Woman's Convention in administering these funds, and that the College present a report at the Biennial Session of the Woman's Convention.

Voted that the administration of the available funds for the Scholarships be left to the discretion of the College as to the number of students to be assisted annually, the requirements being that the recipients of these funds must maintain a scholastic average of C. So long as this average is maintained the Scholarship may be awarded annually until graduation.

Voted that these Scholarships be awarded to worthy students who are members of the Congregational Christian Church, preferably those who plan to go into full time Christian work.

The above, when approved, supplants all previous actions by the Woman's Convention governing uses of the Staley Memorial Fund raised by the Woman's Convention.

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman*
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN, *Secretary*

The report of the Committee for Timothy Chang and Chinese Ministerial Scholarship was read by Dr. W. T. Scott, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD COMMITTEE ON TIMOTHY CHANG AND CHINESE MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Timothy S. Chang graduated from the Divinity School of Duke University, receiving the B. D. degree in June, 1951. Ater consultation of the Committee with Timothy, it was agreed that he should study for a year at N. C. State College, in the field of Poultry. Here he excelled in his work. He received the B. S. degree in June, 1952, graduating with high honor. Because of his superior work, his faculty adviser at N. C. State recommended him for a Research Fellowship in the Poultry Department of Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, where he will receive the Master of Science degree in the summer of 1953. The Research Fellowship has paid practically all his expenses at Ohio State.

Timothy has done such good work at Ohio State that he has been offered a Fellowship that will enable him to study for his Ph. D. degree. This offer would defray all his expenses at Ohio State. Timothy has asked the advice of your Committee, and after consultation with Dr. George Shepherd, former missionary to China, we have concluded that Timothy should pursue his further training at Ohio State. This is Timothy's desire, and we are of the opinion that his further specialization will enable him to return to China as a specialist in Poultry and this will place him in a respected position as a Christian leader.

The American Board has suggested the possibility of Timothy's going to the Philippines Islands for service, but he feels this would put him at a disadvantage when he returns to China. If the Communists are still in power when he returns, they would doubtless question his motives in going to the Philippines instead of returning to China.

Prior to the offer for further study at Ohio State, Timothy had expressed a desire to work in the Church in the U. S. A. as an assistant pastor, and it is possible that this may be his course should the plan at Ohio State not materialize. Timothy is definitely committed to return to China to work in the Church when the opportunity comes. We would not wish him to go prematurely.

The financial statement below shows a receipt of $850 from the ABCFM. This represents the balance of $100 appropriated by the ABCFM towards Timothy's training. We suggest that this amount and the balance held in our account, together with the balance in the "Chinese Student

Account" held by the Woman's Missionary Convention, be put in a savings account as a fund to assist Timothy in his return to China.

We submit the financial statement for the period April 1, 1951-March 31, 1953, as follows:

RECEIPTS

Balance held by Mission Board March 31, 1951 (overdraft)	(117.57)
Woman's Missionary Convention Treasurer	$2,523.00
American Board	850.00
Total Receipts less overdraft	$3,255.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Total Disbursements for Timothy's living expenses, clothing and school expenses	$2,310.43
Balance	$ 945.00

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS
REV. R. L. JACKSON
REV. WM. T. SCOTT
Committee

A motion that the balances of $945.00 held by the Mission Board and $930.00 held by the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Convention to the account of Timothy Chang be combined into a savings account to be held by the Mission Board of the Southern Convention as a fund to assist Timothy Chang in his return to China was made and carried.

The report of the Committee on Constitution was read by Mrs. W. E. Wisseman and adopted as follows:

The Committee on Constitution recommends that Article IV, Section 4 which reads:

(a) Societies within the Convention are entitled to nominate delegates to the Convention.

(b) These delegates shall be elected by the Conferences.

be changed to read:

(a) Societies within the Convention are entitled to elect delegates to the Convention.

MRS. W. V. LEATHERS
DR. W. T. SCOTT
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN, *Chairman*

The report of the Finance Committee, read by Mrs. F. C. Lester, was adopted as follows:

Your Finance Committee wishes to express gratitude to our faithful Treasurer, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, for the fine work represented by her report, and to acknowledge thanks to the Suffolk bank officials for their approval of her work as evidenced by the statements attached to it.

We recommend financial goals for the 1953-'55 biennium as follows:

Eastern Virginia	$20,000.00
North Carolina	20,000.00
Valley Virginia	2,500.00
	$42,500.00

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY
MISS VIRGINIA MASON
MRS. F. C. LESTER, *Chairman*

Mrs. Raye V. Knight read the report of the Committee on Recommendations. Each recommendation was adopted as read, and then it was moved and carried to adopt the report as a whole, as follows:

Your Committee on Recommendations offers the following report:

1st. We recommend that the Thank Offering for the Conference year 1953-54 be designated for our Mission

on Mindanao in the Philippines, continuing the work begun there by Dr. Frank Laubach.

2nd. We recommend that the funds realized from Life Memberships and Memorials should continue to be allocated to Franklinton Center during the 1953-55 biennium and to be administered in the same manner as in the last biennium; and that the use of the entire fund be treated as a memorial to Dr. Robert Lee House.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. HENRY E. ROBINSON
MRS. CARL WALLACE
MRS. RAYE V. KNIGHT, *Chairman*

The report of the Nominating Committee was read. Officers for the 1953-55 biennium were elected as follows:

OFFICERS—

President—Mrs. W. B. Williams, Newport News, Va.
Vice-President—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Greensboro, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Raye V. Knight, Chuckatuck, Va.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Edward Bresko, Petersburg, Va.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Suffolk, Va.
Historian—Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Norfolk, Va.
Editor—Mrs. F. C. Lester, Asheboro, N. C.

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES—

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Duane N. Vore, Suffolk, Va.
Friendly Service—Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Greensboro, N. C.
Life Memberships and Memorials—Mrs. Tucker Humphries, Reidsville, N. C.
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. Henry E. Robinson, Burlington, N. C.
Literature—Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Elon College, N. C.
Christian Family Life—Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Sr., Suffolk, Va.
Visual Aids—Mrs. Harry Nelson, Winchester, Va.
Nominating—Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton, Va.

DEPARTMENTAL SUPERINTENDENTS—

Young People—Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, Norfolk, Va.
Children—Mrs. Robert Lee House, Southern Pines, N. C.
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Carl Wallace, Louisburg, N. C.

MEMBERS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1953-'57—

Mrs. Edgar Nelson, Winchester, Va.
Mrs. H. G. Ballinger, Guilford College, N. C.

The report of the Courtesy Committee was read by Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, and upon motion was adopted, as follows:

We, your Courtesy Committee, wish to submit the following:

1. That we express to the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Convention our appreciation for their excellent planning and their direction during this biennium.
2. That we thank the Committee for a most interesting program.
3. That we express our deep gratitude to the Burlington Church for their gracious hospitality which we have enjoyed.
4. That we thank the local flower committee for the many lovely arrangements.

5. That we thank Miss Virginia Groomes for her beautiful message in song, and the choir of the Burlington Church for their splendid contribution to the evening service.
6. That we are deeply indebted to all those who so ably took part on the program, especially to our guest speakers: Rev. William Q. McKnight for the interesting relating of his task in Japan; Dr. Henry Smith Leiper for the brilliant and challenging "Life and Task of the Church Around the World"; Miss Luuk Groot, a charming exchange student from Holland; Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Educational Secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches; Dr. W. T. Scott, Mission Secretary of the Southern Convention.
7. That we, because of the inspiration of this Convention, go forth "Rejoicing in Our Task" that others seeing our good works may glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. L. W. VAUGHAN, *Chairman*
MRS. E. LENA ROTHGEB
MRS. J. R. ELLIS

Miss Ruth Dunn gave the report of the Credentials Committee:

Ministers and Speakers	18
Valley of Virginia Delegates	7
Eastern Virginia Delegates	54
Visitors	11
North Carolina Delegates	105
Visitors	43
Total	238

Respectfully submitted,
MISS RUTH DUNN
MRS. W. M. STEVENS
MRS. HAROLD INGLE

A service of installation of the officers for the 1953-55 biennium was conducted by Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, after which the Twenty-First Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention was declared adjourned.

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *President*
MRS. RAYE V. KNIGHT, *Secretary*

Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of the Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference

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BETHLEHEM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TENTH LEGION, VA.
OCTOBER 8, 1953

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THEME: *"Rejoicing In Our Task"*

The Virginia Valley Central Woman's Missionary Conference met in its Twenty-Sixth Annual Session, October 8, 1953, with the Bethlehem Church. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Cecil Whitlock. After singing the hymn "On Our Way Rejoicing," the ladies of Woods Chapel presented a colorful morning devotional service, using costumes representing various countries in which we carry on missionary work.

Mrs. Tom Good gave the address of welcome. Mrs. R. E. Newton responded.

The visitors and ministers were recognized, and eleven churches were represented. Four past presidents were present and recognized, also three of the five District Superintendents.

The President gave a full and interesting report of her work during the year.

The following Departmental Superintendents reported and these reports were adopted:

Spiritual Life—Mrs. Edgar Nelson
Christian Family Life—Mrs. Shirley White
Literature—Miss Virginia Mason
Friendly Service—Mrs. E. J. Rohart
Life Memberships & Memorials—Mrs. R. A. Whitten
Visual Aides—Mrs. Ralph Galt
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Linden Kipps
Children—Mrs. Clara Dovel
Young People—Mrs. Carroll Monger
Interdenominational Cooperation—Mrs. Tom Good

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill introduced the speaker, the Rev. Quinton Leisher, who delivered a very inspiring message on "Our Task on Mindanao."

Mrs. Shirley White rendered a solo, "My Task."

The benediction and grace for lunch was given by Rev. Ralph Galt.

During the lunch hour Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented the literature.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Bethlehem ladies presented a period of meditation prayer and soft organ music. Mrs. Grover Daugherty rendered a solo, "Somebody Did A Golden Deed."

Mrs. B. F. Frank, Historian, presented her report and it was received as follows:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

I wish to call your attention to the Constitution of our Woman's Conference. In the by-laws, section 4 (f), "Historian shall compile a history of the Conference and keep it up to date by means of a scrap book, which shall carry a copy of the minutes, clippings and letters sent out by the Conference. She shall also urge the Officers, Departmental Superintendents and Chairmen of Standing Committees to preserve a permanent file, to be passed on to their successors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

We, your committee on recommendations, beg to submit the following:

First—That since our Southern Convention, in line with the thought of our National Woman's Fellowship, has adopted the following four goals, we urge that this Conference also recognize their worth and strive to:

1. Further our Christian World Mission by helping establish and strengthen the committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship in every local church.
2. Deepen our spiritual life as individuals and as families.
3. Promote in every local church the showing of the feature film "The Hidden Heart."
4. Support in every possible way the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.

Third—That since the gifts from our Life Membership and Memorials are designated to Franklinton and there is possibility of this work being carried to Bricks, we recommend that we stress this phase of our giving as contributions toward the renovation of the chapel at Bricks, N. C.

Fourth—That since we are part of our National Woman's Fellowship and since our program includes Bible Study, Personal and Family Spiritual development as well as the mission study, we recommend that we suggest to the Convention, that the name Women's Fellowship of the Southern Convention be used, and in that event this Conference be known as the Women's Fellowship of the Valley Conference.

Fifth—That since the progress of our Convention aims at an advance rather than retreat and since a necessary step in this direction is increased consecrated giving of our means as well as our talents, we recommend that the Valley Women's Conference accept the suggested goal of $2500 per biennium and that we make every effort to reach it as each society seizes its opportunity and with the help of our Lord carries its share of the responsibility.

Sixth—Since we feel the value of the untiring efforts of Miss Pattie Lee Coghill cannot be expressed in words, and since the installation of the new soundscriber will in some degree, make her work a bit lighter, we recommend that as a small token of our appreciation the Valley Women's Conference make a gift of not less than $50 on the price of this equipment. We further recommend that this be raised by individual societies and suggest that pledges or gifts be received at this Conference session.

Prayerfully Submitted,

MRS. R. M. GALT
MRS. J. E. BRYANT
MRS. R. A. WHITTEN
Committee

These recommendations were each adopted. A sum of $59 was raised on the price of the soundscriber.

The report of the Resolution Committee was presented and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We thank the program committee for the program and the splendid reports of the day.
2. We appreciate the splendid address of Rev. Quinton Leisher, also the devotions by Woods Chapel and Bethlehem.
3. That a rising vote of thanks be given Bethlehem church for their hospitality and delicious meal.
4. We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill for her help in our Women's work.
5. That we dedicate ourselves anew to advance the work in our church at home and abroad.
6. Grateful thanks to our president for attending the various meetings in connection with our work, also to the secretary our thanks.

MRS. B. F. FRANK
MRS. GROVER DAUGHERTY
MRS. AMY KIBLER
Committee

Upon recommendation of the committee on place the Conference voted to hold the 1954 meeting at the Newport Church.

Mrs. J. E. Bryant presented the treasurer's report as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Oct. 9, 1952		$ 53.45
Receipts		1015.62
		1069.07
Disbursements	$853.19	853.19
Balance Oct. 8, 1953		215.88

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *Treasurer*

The report of the nominating committee was received and the following officers were elected:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President—Mrs. Cecil Whitlock
Vice Pres.—Mrs. Tom Good, Friendly Service Chairman
Secretary—Mrs. Austin Kipps
Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Bryant

Superintendents:

Young People—Mrs. R. A. Whitten
Children—Mrs. Shirley White
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Linden Kipps
Spiritual Life—Mrs. R. E. Newton
Life Memberships & Memorials—Mrs. Howard Hensley
Interdenominational Corporation—Mrs. A. W. Andes (elected from floor).
Literature—Mrs. A. I. Griffith
Family Life—Mrs. E. J. Rohart
Visual Aide—Mrs. Hazel Nelson
Historian—Mrs. B. F. Frank

MRS. A. W. ANDES
MRS. MILTON SHIFFLETT
MRS. FRANCES COOPER
MRS. E. LENA ROTHGEB
Committee

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill led in the closing service of Consecration and installation of officers.

MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS, *Secretary*
MRS. CECIL WHITLOCK, *President*

Minutes of the Forty-First Annual Session of Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference

Franklin Christian Church Franklin, Virginia, October 1,1953

Morning Session

The Eastern Virgina Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its forty-first annual session in the Franklin Christian Church, Franklin, Va., Oct. 1, 1953. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Garland Spratley, President, at 10 A. M.

Mrs. Spratley announced the theme: "Life and Task of the Church around the World." She gave the call to worship.

Miss Grace Spivey of Newport News presented the devotional, using as her theme: "The Task of the Church."

Mrs. Irving Beale, President of the Franklin Society, welcomed the Conference to Franklin.

In response to the roll call those responding numbered, with the ministers and visitors included, 366.

Mrs. Garland Spratley gave the President's Message as follows:

THE MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT

It has been said, "They serve God well who serve His creatures". It want to congratulate the women of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference upon the services which have been rendered by them the past year. The reports indicate every department of our work has been well planned and progress has been made in our study, worship and giving. But, we do not want to slacken in our serving, giving or praying. The Christian women of today are challenged as never before. The most significant change in the last fifty years has been the church of Jesus Christ. In areas where there was not a Christian, a church has been planted by the missionaries. God is changing the lives of men. As a result we read and hear of uncultivated areas being transformed into farms, colleges being built, hospitals taking care of the diseased, Bibles being distributed, giving to others what we have received. May we contribute to strengthen the "Life Line" from our church to those in the far corners of the world. Let this beyour Task and my Task for the coming days.

"May we go forth rejoicing in Thy name,
O Lord, our daily labors to pursue
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all we think or speak or do"

Sincerely,
MRS. GARLAND W. SPRATLEY, President.

The following District Superintendents reported:

Waverly—Mrs. G. C. Brittle

WAVERLY DISTRICT REPORT

The women of the Waverly district have, during the past year, been building with love and gratitude in many ways. Our lives have been enriched because we have strived to build for Christ in our own lives as well as in our homes, churches, communities and in the world.

The Waverly district is made up of twelve churches; Barrett's, Bethlehem (Disputanta), Burton's Grove, Centerville, Dendron, Hopewell, New Lebanon, Richmond, Spring Hill, Union (Surry), Wakefield and Waverly.

We have seven Women's Missionary societies with a combined membership of 121 and two other societies with mixed-age membership classified as young people but working on Women's Achievement Goals. There are four churches reporting active young people's organizations, four having missionary education and giving for their children and two have an active cradle roll.

As we have been building we have been preparing ourselves for greater task ahead through reading good literature, "The Christian Sun", Church Woman, Advance and Guide-Post, our recommended study books; seeing films that have been informative, challenging and inspiring. From the study of Colossians we have been strengthened spiritually.

Christian Family Life has been stressed in the Waverly district. Seven churches observed National Family Life Week, special family life activities were carried on in ten of our churches.

Our societies have shared at home and abroad through interdenominational as well as Congregational Christian Projects. At home we helped in community projects, at Patrick Henry Hospital, The Children's Home Society, Ellis Island Immigrants and in our own Elon Christian Orphanage.

At our spring rally in Waverly Miss Theim presented the missionary work that is being carried on in the Caroline Islands in such a vivid and fascinating manner that a large number of the societies worked on this foreign project. Ryder Memorial Hospital in Puerto Rico also received gifts from our district.

Nine societies contributed to the missionary work in Carroll county through the Thank Offering. Several societies were helped in presenting this project by the use of slides belonging to Rev. J. W. Madren showing senes from Carroll County. Mr. Madren's explanations as he showed the slides helped to make one feel he had really visited the parish.

Four societies helped the work at Franklinton Center through gifts of money given as memorial to honor deceased members.

Our church women and young people have found great inspiration through the programs of Christian fellowship, worship and the support of united projects with other denominations. Seven churches observed World Day of Prayer, five—World Community Day and six—May Fellowship. Dendron and Richmond are our two churches active in a local council of church women.

The Waverly district has three societies that completed all of the achievements goals; Waverly, Wakefield and Dendron.

Missionary organizations such as ours have a vital place in the life of the church around the world. The task is tremendous, we must have faith in God and mankind. Let us re-dedicate our lives to the service of our Master, let us meditate and pray. The task calls for our time, tithes and talents.

MRS. G. C. BRITTLE

Norfolk—Mrs. L. W. Vaughn (for Mrs. Everett Neese)

REPORT OF THE NORFOLK DISTRICT SUPERTINTENDENT

The reports from the Societies in the Norfolk District indicate this year, that the theme: "Building With Love and Gratitude", has been universally followed with the result that the activities of the Societies have been increased and their interest in Missions broadened.

There are 12 churches in the Norfolk District and 12 organized Societies with an enrollment of 558 women. The Societies were well represented at th Confernce last fall and at the Spring Rally. A Thank Offering service was presented in 11 of the 12 societies and nine of them reported having reached the Goals of Achievement.

A well planned devotional service was presented at each meeting of eleven of the Societies and this same numbr met the requirements of the Bible and Mission Study.

There are nine Young People's Societies in the Norfolk District and 25 young people attended the Summer Conference. Eight Children's Societies were reported and seven of them used the Mission Study books and Conference or Convention materials. Nine Cradle Roll groups reported an enrollment of 190.

The Societies in the Norfolk District reaching the Goals of Achievement were: Bay View, Christian Temple, Little Creek, Rosemont, Second, South Norfolk, Newport News, First (Portsmouth) and Shelton Memorial.

It has been a good year among our Societies in Norfolk and we look forward to the coming year's work under the leadership of our new District Superintendent.

At this time I am happy to present Mrs. C. V. Hargrove the newly elected Superintendent of the Norfolk District.

MRS. J. EVERETTE NEESE

Suffolk—Mrs. Ray Gordon

SUFFOLK DISTRICT

My appreciation goes to the members of the 19 churches in the Suffolk District who have faithfully met the work this year and make this report possible.

According to the record we have an increase of women enrolled in our societies with a combined membership of 1038. Let us pause and think of what the potential strength of over a thousand Christian women could be: "To further our Christian World Mission by helping to establish and strengthen the committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship in every local church." That is one of the major goals for 1953-54 you know, and the place to begin is in your local church.

Each of the 19 churches in the Suffolk District has an organized missionary society; followed the program outlined by the Convention and paid their apportionment in full. To show the interest manifested in our Mission program three churches are asking for an increase in their apportionment for next year, namely Eure, N. C., Mt. Carmel and Oakland.

I believe the School of Missions has helped to give our women a broader vision of our total program, as well as a big aid in getting the years work under way early. A well informed group is an interested group. We had thirty representatives from this District to attend the School of Missions.

The Spring Rally at Cypress Chapel on April 1st 1953 was one of the highlights of the year. The church was packed: Miss Hilde Thiem was the featured speaker on the theme, "Is It Nothing To You?" The congregation was so moved by her message that the Superintendent's Forum for the afternoon session was set aside and Miss Theim was asked to speak to the group again.

It has been a real joy to work with the women in the Suffolk District for the past two years. Now I ask for Mrs. L. H. Wilroy, your new Superintendent, the same loyalty and cooperation that you gave me so that we may go forward in the building of His Kingdom.

MRS. RAY F. GORDON

Mrs. L. W. Vaughan and Mrs. Ray Gordon presented Mrs. C. W. Hargrove and Mrs. Legare Wilroy, new Superintendents of the Norfolk and Suffolk Districts, respectively. Each spoke briefly in response.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill presented the information on available literature for the year 1953-54. She recognized Mrs. W. V. Leathers and thanked her for her efficient help as the Literature Superintendent.

Mrs. George Cornell, Treasurer, reported that receipts for 1952-53 were $10,271.96 and disbursements were $9,978.98 and announced an increase in receipts of approximately $400.00 and $611.00 in Thank Offering over the previous years.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

SOCIETY	PAID ON APPOINTEMENT	THANK OFFERING	TOTAL PAID
Antioch	$ 60.00	$ 23.25	$ 93.25
Berea (nansemond)	100.00	100.00	210.00
Berea (Nansemond)	$ 60.00	$ 23.25	$ 93.25
Begonia	5.00	30.55	35.55
Bethelehem	192.51	48.78	331.29
Cypress Chapel	117.00	15.75	142.75
Cypress Chapel— (Agnes Brittle Circle)	58.00		58.00
Dendron	60.00	20.50	90.50
Eure	55.00	5.00	70.00
Franklin	300.00	75.00	385.00
Great Bridge	80.00	25.00	115.00
Holland	165.00	93.41	268.82
Holy Neck	165.00	100.00	285.00
Hopewell	16.00	14.00	30.00
Isle of Wight	65.00	15.00	90.00
Johnson's Grove	15.00	15.00	65.00
Liberty Spring	220.00	100.00	370.00
Mt. Carmel	65.00	9.34	84.34
Mt. Zion	30.00	50.00	90.00
Newport News	150.00	150.00	325.00
Norfolk:			
Bay View	93.00	15.00	138.00
Christian Temple	375.00	127.00	502.00
First, Norfolk	80.00	20.00	100.00
Little Creek	35.00	33.50	98.50
Rosemont	225.00	102.12	347.12
Second, Norfolk	80.00	29.15	119.15
Oak Grove	38.40	15.00	63.40
Oakland	101.45	103.00	224.45
Portsmouth:			
Elm Avenue	60.00		70.00
First	116.00	35.05	171.05

Shelton Memorial	60.00	14.56	84.56
Shelton Memorial (Y.W.)		14.56	
Richmond, First	65.00	16.64	91.64
South Norfolk	145.00	60.00	270.00
Spring Hill	12.00	8.25	20.25
Suffolk	870.00	200.00	1150.00
Sunbury (Damascus)	80.00	10.15	100.15
Union (Southampton)	105.00	45.25	160.25
Wakefield	71.00	20.00	101.00
Waverly	60.00	14.10	84.10
Windsor	100.000	24.00	144.00
	$4690.36	$1772.91	$7179.12

YOUNG PEOPLE

SOCIETY	PAID ON APPORTIONMENT	THANK OFFERING	TOTAL PAID
Berea (Nansemond)	$ 56.00		$ 56.00
Bethlehem	105.00	16.00	121.00
Burton's Grove	35.00	14.10	49.10
Cypress Chapel	75.00		75.00
Dendron	15.00		15.00
Eure	25.25		25.25
Franklin	36.00		36.00
Great Bridge	30.00		20.00
Holland	25.00		25.00
Holy Neck	77.50	7.10	84.60
Hopewell	10.00		10.00
Liberty Spring	100.00	10.00	110.00
Mt. Carmel	44.00	9.34	53.34
New Lebanon	23.63		23.63
Newport News	41.05		41.05
Norfolk:			
Bay View	7.00		7.00
Christian Temple	85.00		85.00
Little Creek	10.00		10.00
Rosemont	60.00		60.00
Oak Grove	10.00		10.00
Oakland	75.00		75.00
Portsmouth, First	7.50		7.50
Suffolk	22.03		22.03
Sunbury (Damascus)	40.00		50.00
Union (Southampton)	50.00	5.00	55.00
Waverly	25.00		25.00
Windsor	32.25		32.25
	$1112.21	$ 61.54	$1183.75

JUNIORS

Antioch	$ 25.75		$ 25.75
Berea (Nansemond)	25.67		34.96
Bethlehem	34.00	5.00	39.00
Cypress Chapel	20.00		20.00
Dendron	5.10		5.10
Eure	5.00		5.00
Franklin	30.00		30.00
Holland	20.00		20.00
Holy Neck	22.00		22.00
Liberty Spring	27.40	5.00	32.40
Mt. Carmel	15.75		15.75

Newport News	12.00	8.00	20.00
Norfolk:			
Bay View	6.00		6.00
Christian Temple	34.25		34.25
Little Creek	5.00		13.00
Rosemont	16.50		16.50
Oakland	5.00		5.00
Portsmouth, First	13.00		13.00
South Norfolk	15.00		15.00
Suffolk (Jr. & Primary)	69.95		69.95
Union (Southampton)	8.00		8.00
Waverly	5.00		5.00
Windsor	36.10		36.10
	$ 456.47	$ 18.00	$ 491.76

CRADLE ROLL

Contributions

Antioch	$ 20.15	
Berea (Nansemond)	5.00	
Bethlehem	63.68	
Cypress Chapel	5.00	
Dendron	10.25	
Eure	10.25	
Franklin	8.00	
Great Bridge	5.00	
Holland	3.75	
Holy Neck	20.00	
Liberty Springs	55.00	(includes $5.00 T. O.)
Mt. Carmel	60.52	
Mt. Zion	5.00	
Newport News	24.62	
Norfolk:		
Bay View	9.00	
Christian Temple	6.87	
First	20.00	
Little Creek	4.57	
Rosemont	31.25	
Oak Grove	5.00	
Oakland	18.26	
Portsmouth:		
First	7.00	
Shelton Memorial	10.00	
South Norfolk	5.00	
Suffolk	26.55	
Sunbury (Damascus)	17.25	
Waverly	3.00	
Windsor	22.00	
	$476.72	

EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Thank Offering
1952-1053

Antioch	$ 23.25
Berea	100.00
Begonia	30.55
Bethlehem	48.78

Bethlehem (Young People)	16.00
Bethlehem (Juniors)	5.00
Burton's Grove (Young People)	14.10
Cypress Chapel	15.75
Dendron	20.50
Eure	5.00
Franklin	75.00
Great Bridge	25.00
Holland	93.41
Holy Neck	100.00
Holy Neck (Young People)	7.10
Hopewell	14.00
Isle of Wight	15.00
Johnson's Grove	15.00
Liberty Spring	100.00
Liberty Spring (Young People)	10.00
Liberty Spring (Juniors)	5.00
Liberty Spring (Cradle Roll)	5.00
Mt. Carmel	9.34
Mt. Carmel (Young People)	9.34
Mt. Zion	50.00
Newport News	125.00
Newport News (Juniors)	8.00
Norfolk:	
Bay View	15.00
Christian Temple	127.00
First	20.00
Little Creek	33.50
Rosemont	102.12
Second	29.15
Oak Grove	15.00
Oakland	103.00
Portsmouth:	
First	35.05
Shelton Memorial	14.56
Shelton Memorial (Y. W.)	14.56
Richmond, First	16.64
South Norfolk	60.00
Spring Hill	8.25
Suffolk	200.00
Sunbury	10.15
Union (Southampton)	45.25
Union (Southampton)—Y. P.	5.00
Wakefield	20.00
Waverly	14.10
Windsor	24.00
Total	$ 1857.45

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury Oct. 1, 1952		$ 108.22
Delayed Receipts		531.94
Offerings:		
Women's Meeting, October 5	$105.62	
Waverly District	14.65	
Norfolk District	32.83	
Suffolk District	72.95	
Women's Societies Apportionment		4690.36

Young People's Apportionment		1112.46
Junior Apportionment		456.47
Cradle Roll Contribution		471.72
Thank Offering		1857.45
Life Memberships		440.00
Memorials		280.00
Friendly Service		5.00
Specials:		
Dr. and Mrs. Riggs	$30.00	
(India) Mrs. Moulton	18.00	
(Africa) Miss Norquest	35.00	
Korea (War Orphans)	9.29	
		92.29
Grand Total		$10.271.96
Delayed disbursements		$ 542.94
Mrs. W. V. Leathers—Treasurer Woman's Board of So. Convention		8,734.93
Barbara B. Nelms—Treasurer Eastern Virginia Youth Fellowship		370.82
Dr. W. W. Sloan—Conference speaker		50.00
Stamps and envelopes—Treasurer		10.44
Suffolk Christian Church—Conf. (Blue book)		32.65
Gilft—Mrs. Brinkley		5.00
Gurley Press—Conf. Programs		13.00
Geo. D. Colclough—stencils		1.23
Miss Coghill—stencils		2.17
Bank service charge		2.50
Va. Council of Church Women		50.00
Sussex Surry Dispatch—District Programs		5.00
Gurley Press—Report blanks		10.50
Board Luncheon—Elliot Hotel		15.00
Telephone bill—Mrs. Spratley		12.30
Conv. office voice recorder		100.00
Suffolk Ins. Corp.—Treas. Bond		12.50
Mrs. J. E. Neese—postage and 'phone		2.50
Mrs. W. H. Johnson—Hotel—Miss Theim		5.50

Total Disbursements	$ 9,978.98
Total Receipts	$10,271.96
Total Disbursements	9,978.98
Balance	$ 292.98

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. George M. Cornell
Treasurer

September 24, 1953

Mrs. Spratley appointed the following committees:

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Place: Mrs. J. F. Morgan, Mrs. Annie Virden, Mrs. B. V. Hargrave.

Courtesy: Mrs. Clarence Harris, Mrs. Walter Seeley, Mrs. J. J. Bradford.

Recommendations: Mrs. George Cornell, Mrs. Shirley Holland, Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Nominations: Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Mrs. J. Monroe Harris, Mrs. Edward Bresko.

Mrs. Spratley asked that the foregn students in Virginia be welcomed into the homes.

Mrs. A. C. Moore, Visual Aids Chairman, presented her report and announced the names of Mrs. G. C. Brittle and Mrs. C. M. Harris to serve with her on this committee

REPORT ON VISUAL AID

"There has probably been no period in history in which the world has been so filled with challenges. The war which gave us the atom bomb also demonstreted the teaching power of projected pictures, but a mere awareness is not the right answer to the challenge. Picture-power like the mighty Colorado at one time, is still flowing through the Grand Canyon of entertainment without developing the kind of teaching power that it can and should for building God's Kingdom."

The Au dio-visual reports for the past year reveal only slight progress in this field and the need of a key-worker within each district is keenly felt. Therefore, during the ensuing year Mrs. S. N. Harris of the Norfolk District and Mrs. G. C. Brittle of the Woverly District will serve with me in this capacity to assist the chairman of each local society in planning and executing an effective program.

Goals for the year are as follows:
Getting maximum use of all equipment.
Using annual long-range planning.
Functioning through a church-integrated Visual Aid Committee.
Operating on a budget.
Availing ourselves of free material from the Southern Convention Office.
Showing the feature picture "The Hidden Heart."
Using other films to further our Church World Mission and deepen our spiritual lives as individuals and families.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. C. Moore, Chairman.

Recommendations were read by Mrs. George Cornell as follows:

OCT. 1, 1953

We, the Recommendations Committee, submit the following for your consideration:

1. That we attend the School of Missions held at Elon.
2. That the contribution to the Va. Council of Church Women be $50.00.
3. That special emphasis be placed on the Thank Offering project for 1953-54.
4. That we endeavor to reach a better understanding of the projects supported by the Life Memberships and Memorials.
5. That we emphasize the National Goals set up for the coming year.

GOALS FOR THE YEAR

1. To further *Our Christian World Mission* by helping establish and strengthen the Committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship in every local church.
2. To deepen our spiritual life as individuals and as families.
3. To promote in every local church the showing of the feature film THE HIDDEN HEART and the receiving of an offering for *Our Christian World Mission.*

Mrs. George M. Cornell
Mrs. W. B. Williams
Mrs. Shirley Holland.

A solo was sung by Mr. Shepherd Johnson: "This Is My Task".

Mrs. Spratley presented Mrs. W. B. Williams, President of the Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention, who discussed the Thank Offering program for 1953-54. She in turn

introduced the Reverend Quentin Leisher who addressed the Conference on the subject: "Our Task around the World".

The Reverend Harvey Carnes presided over and received the morning offering which amounted to $132.26.

Mrs. E. G. Middleton read a list of the Life Memberships and Memorials for 1952-53 and conducted a service in the honor of those named.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS—1952-53

ANTIOCH:
Mrs. Ella M. Butler.
BETHLEHEM:
Miss Annie Ashley
Mrs. B. M. Brown
Mrs. R. T. Piland, Sr.
Mrs. S. E. Barrett
Mrs. Jordan Gardner
Mrs. Horace Johnson
Mrs. S. E. Barnes
Mrs. J. R. Byrd
Mrs. Arthur Wilkins.
CYPRESS CHAPEL:
Mrs. G. C. Mann.
EURE:
Mrs. Ella Mae Eure.
GREAT BRIDGE:
Mrs. F. N. Hall.
HOLLAND:
Mrs. H. V. White.
ISLE OF WIGHT:
Mrs. Kay W. Whitley.
LIBERTY SPRING:
Mrs. W. L. Turner
Mrs. W. E. Duke
Mrs. W. E. Eason
Mrs. E. B. Rawls.
MT. CAR__EL:
Mrs. Catherine B. Carr.
MT. ZION:
Mrs. Nannie M. Gray.
NEWPORT NEWS:
Mrs. L. J. Brown
Mrs. W. B. Williams
Mrs. James Jernigan.
BAY VIEW:
Mrs. W. M. Sydenstricker.
CHRISTIAN TEMPLE:
Mrs. R. P. Satchell
Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Sr.
Mrs. Geo. W. Shaw
Mrs. Everett Brickhouse.
LLTTLE CREEK:
Mrs. Thelma Meyers.
ROSEMONT:
Mrs. Irma Spencer.
NORFOLK, *Second*:
Rev. J. Everett Neese.
OAK GROVE:
Mrs. W. E. Small.
PORTSMOUTH, *First*
Mrs. C. W. Castello.
SOUTH NORFOLK:
Mrs. Joe Pike
Mrs. E. H. Rock
Mrs. Pearl Friar
Mrs. Annette Harris.
SUFFOLK:
Mrs. Duane Vore.
Mrs. Z. Turner.
SUNBHRY:
Mrs. J. M. Byrum
Mrs. J. W. Nixon (Y. P.)
UNION SOUTHAMPTON
Mrs. Larry Overby.
WINDSOR:
Mrs. Eldern Fulgham
Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

Dr. Millard Stevens pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 and opened with singing of hymn: "On Our Way Rejoicing".

Mrs. Frank Lewis gave the afternoon prayer.

Mrs. Wm. T. Scott, President of the North Carolina Woman's Conference, reported on her trip to the International Council in St. Andrews, Scotland, in the summer of 1913.

Mrs. Harvey Carnes sang: "Great Peace Have They That Love The Lord."

The following Departmental Leaders reported:

Mrs. R. E. Edwards, Cradle Roll

REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL CHAIRMAN

It is encouraging to report an increase in the number of Cradle Rolls over the previous year; twenty eight churches having reported some phase of the work for the Cradle Roll, twenty-four had a Cradle Roll party.

During the year, letters have been sent to each church, with suggestions for Cradle Roll material, the use of mite boxes certificates. I hope these have been helpful.

In the packet you will find material for your Cradle Roll party, also a reading list for parents and teachers which will be of great help in planning your work. This year, something new has been included in your packet. It is a sample copy of a Cradle Roll Newspaper. Why not sponsor one for your church? It would create interest and help promote the work in this Department.

The children in the Cradle Roll are wholly dependent upon us as *parents, teachers* and *leaders,* to consistently give forth the good news of the Fatherhood of God and His love for His children everywhere.

Inclosing, may I leave this thought with you? Teach your children the principles of Religion—pray with them and pray for them.

Mrs. R. F. Edwards.

Mrs. Shirley Holland, Children

REPORT ON CHILDREN'S WORK

"Children have more need for Models than of Critics."—*Joubert.*

We are happy to have the privilege of working with and for children. Reports from thirty-eight Societies are most gratifying. Congratulations, leaders, for a successful year.

As leaders of children's work we are responsible for determining the broad outline of policy for such a program. In the light of this responsibility we must explore the areas of work for children and emphasize the work which has been inadequate and improve the quality of children's work.

Missions are of first importance—"Go ye therefore and teach all nations." If it were possible to instil in each child in our churches the desire to share the gospel we would have achieved *The Goal.* We may realize this goal by the use of our suggested foreign and home mission study books and guides, also by practical application of appropriate visual-aids, maps, songs and handicraft.

Please emphasize Friendly Service—We achieve the Missionary Spirit by sharing our Resources and Services. Special emphasis is recommended for Christian Education and for cooperation with week-day Religious Education Teachers, and Leadership Education.

Let us be about our task.

BEREA:
Mrs. J. W. Baze.

DENDRON:
Mrs. Sihrley T. Holland.

FRANKLIN:
Mrs. Naomi T. Jones.

HOLY NECK:
Mrs. David Howell
Miss Lydia Norfleet.

LIBERTY SPRING:
Mrs. I. T. Byrd.

NEWPORT NEWS:
Dr. Robert Lee House
Mrs. Harry Corbett

BAY VIEW:
Mrs. Mary Etta Wicks
Mrs. Jessie M. Kivette.

CHRISTIAN TEMPLE:
Mrs. J. B. Fanny
D. J. Bowden.

ROSEMONT:
Mrs. O. S. Mills.

OAKLAND:
Mrs R. B. Wood
Mrs. W. K. Wagner.

ELM AVENUE:
Mrs. Mollie Branch.

PORTSMOUTH, *First*:
Dr. Robert Lee House.

SHELTON MEMORIAL:
Mrs. Prudence Garner.

RICHMOND, *First*
Mrs. Dora Pierce.

WAKEFIELD:
Mrs. L. B. Faison, Sr.

WAVERLY:
Jane V. McCauley.

SUFFOLK:
Mrs. Curtis A. Shoop
Mrs. Frank Raymond Thompson.

Mrs. John Williams, Young People

YOUNG PEOPLE

It is with regret that in the past year I have not been able to be active in the work of the young people, but it does give me a big thrill to tell you the things our groups of young people have done during the year behind us.

Three districts reported to me. In this group there are 39 churches, however, 8 churches did not report or do not have a society. Of the 31 churches reporting: 21 societies used the young people packet; 23 socities used the mission study books; 17 socities were represented at the summer Conference with 105 young people attending.

22 socities participated in friendly service projects as follows—some taking part in 2 or 3 projects.

9 Ellis Island projects.
2 Glory bag projects.
4 Community or local projects.
1 $10.00 Care Package.
1 $10.00 package for Greece.
1 $25.00 Donation for Korea.
1 Life for Christ project.
1 Elon Orphanage project.
1 Gifts for Weaver Orphanage.
1 Patrich H. Hospital project.
1 South Africa project.
1 Clothing at X-mas for children.
2 Clothing abroad projects.
1 Special youth Fellowship project.

The young Peoples groups as a whole contributed $1,183.75 to missions. Of this amount $390.00 was returned to them. Included in the $1,183.75 is the Thank Offerings of 6 societies totaling $61.54 and 1 Life Membership. Doesn't this look like our young people have been busy? They have worked hard and accomplished much. Let us all stand behind them in their effort to stand on their own feet.

Respectfully submitted by
Julia Anne Williams, *Supt. Young People*

The Following Standing Committee Chairmen reported:

CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Spiritual Life ..... MRS. RAYE V. KNIGHT, Oakland
Chuckatuck, Virginia

Christian Family Life, MRS. W. MILLARD STEVENS, Christian Temple
6049 Newport Ave., Norfolk, Va.

Interdenominational Cooperation .. MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, Waverly
Waverly, Va.

Life Memberships and Memorials, MRS. E. G. MIDDLETON, Ch. Tem.
2942 Amhurst St., Norfolk, Virginia.

Visual Aids ..... MRS. A. C. MOORE, Bethlehem (Nan.)
301 Western Ave., Suffolk, Va.

Literature

The following District Superintendents, who were elected at the Spring Rallies, are submitted for your approval:

Norfolk District ..... MRS. C. V. HARGROVE, South Norfolk
Suffolk District ..... MRS. LEGARE H. WILROY, Berea (Nan.)
Waverly District ..... MRS. FRANK SADOMKA, Hopewell

MRS. J. MONROE HARRIS,
MRS. EDWARD BRESKO,
MRS. J. S. ROLLINGS, SR.,
Nominating Committee.
By: MARY ANDREWS ROLLINGS, *Chairman.*

Mrs. Raye Knight, Spiritual Life

REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE CHAIRMAN

This year, as we have been "building—with love and gratitude", I believe that in the Spiritual Life phase of our women's work we have found the inspiration and encouragement to build according to the Master-Builder's plan.

In the reports that have come to me every society reporting lists a Spiritual Life Chairman, each society reports a planned devotional at each meeting, and each has engaged in the suggested Bible Study.

This is gratifying; and I am sure that we believe with Paul—as he so emphatically wrote to the Church at College—and as the author of our study guide so vividly pointed out, that "being delivered into the Kingdom of Jesus' followers means that one has greater responsibilities along with his greater privileges."

And how best to equip ourselves for meeting these responsibilities?

Your Spiritual Life Committee suggests that we continue our practice of: having a Spiritual Life Chairman of each group, presenting a planned and meaningful devotional at each meeting, engaging in the suggested Bible Study for the year; and we would further suggest that we;

Encourage family worship in our homes (establish Family Altars in our own homes and encourage other families to do likewise), engage in personal daily devotions (take time out from our busy daily routine—we can all find a few minutes — to engage in quiet thought and meditation with our Master), reach new and unchurched women (men and children, too) in our community and bring them into the fellowship of our church, and be faithful in our own church attendance.

Our Bible Study for the new year—Mirrors Of The Soul, by Wallace Alston,—based on eight selected Psalms will be found excellent for personal devotions as well as group study. (Why not present copies to "shut-in" members of your Woman's group?) As we study these Psalms we will see reflected in them our own experiences and will realize anew that all of life is lived under the eye of God and is to be reckoned in the light of His fellowship and will.

In the packets this year are found suggested methods of teaching our Bible Studies. Lets vary our presentation—employ a new method occasionally.

Helps for our devotions may be found from many sources. I would urge you to make use of Guide Posts, Advance, and The Christian Sun. You will find good devotional materials listed in the little booklet "Adventures In Reading"—a copy of which is included in the packet.

May each of us, through our Spiritual Life, grow more aware of God's presence. May we "lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving, bow in confession and petition, renew our dedication to His purpose and be strengthened in spirit" so that each day will find us "rejoicing in our task" of worshipping Him with our whole heart and serving Him with our whole strength.

Mildred G. Knight

Mrs. Millard Stevens, Christian Family Life *(See report No. 12).*

FAMILY LIFE

By placing children within families, God has given the home a sacred trust. By placing families within the fellowship of Christ's Church, God has made the church responsible for interpreting to parents the spiritual nature of their task, and for assisting them to succeed in doing it well. I believe the family and church are drawing closer together in this task. The church on its part is making a large place for the family. This is evident in the promotional material for special events and the all church projects, for our Sunday Schools.

This is the twelfth year the churches of America have observed National Family Week. The theme this year, "A Christian Foundation for Every Home." Thirty churches in our conference observed National Family Week. This year many of our churches used the suggestions given in program manual of Pilgrim Series for an all Church project, "A Bible Exhibit" and family night. Another church had as an all church project, "A Family Praise Festival," other churches had covered dish suppers with programs and some churches distributed family life leaflets. Other programs have been carried out in the homes sponsored by the church through the Woman's societies such as, Family Devotionals, special home services for different holidays of the year, and some Sunday Schools have placed the Family books in the homes of the parish, which may be orderd with Pilgrim Series material.

The first step each year, in planning, should be a conference with the minister and Christian Family Life chairman, to see how as a woman's organization, we might cooperate in a complete program for the promoting of Christian Family Life in our church.

I would like to offer the following suggestions:

1. Register with Division of Christian Education, Paul Reynolds, Secretary, Family Life and Young Adult Work, 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill., for free material and also leaflets, for a small fee, giving suggestions for Family Worship and suggestions for observing National Family Life Week.
2. Promote the use of Family booklets, with Pilgrim Series.
3. Encourage special services in the home, such as family devotions, Christmas Eve Home Service, grace at meal time, a greater participation as a family, in the total program of the church.
4. Make more of National Family Week in your church, by planning events for each day of the week, either in the home or at church in a special program.

We seek God's blessing, as we strive to reaffirm that which is good, to recognize that which is inadequate, and to gain new insights which will enable us to live more creatively, one with another.

MRS. W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Chairman*
Christian Family Life.

Mrs. Ray Gordon, Friendly Service

FRIENDLY SERVICE

The women of Eastern Virginia heard the call to serve in a friendly way the many strangers who were detained on Ellis Island. Here our beloved Mrs. Jennie Pratt, a representative of our Congregational Christian Churches, moved among these strangers with friendly hands and a message of hope until they were strangers no longer. The churches were almost 100 per cent in the Ellis Island Project.

Miss Corrine Nordquest in Johannesburg, South Africa, was also remembered by many churches.

Of course we want to continue the project of sending coupons to the Christian Orphanage at Elon College. The coupons are valuable regardless of the date.

Patrick Henry Hospital (for the chronically ill) was chosen as a community Service Project by several of the churches. Committees have taken religious booklets, magazines and food to the patients.

Each and every church remembered its sick and shut-ins (very often its needy) in a friendly way.

Our new project for the coming year is a most interesting one. I know we are going to get a lot of fun out of collecting our Goat Fund, naming our goat and shipping it off to Puerto Rico.

Again Mrs. Wisseman has planned a very fine Christmas Program which you will find in your Packet. There again the children will find that they can share in friendly service gifts to Ryder Memorial Hospital with a collection of cakes of ivory soap, picture scrapbooks for children at the clinic, bedside slippers of terry cloth (small sizes). Some groups can have vitamin showers. (Vitamin tablets and powdered milk). The health problem in Puerto Rico is great. That is why the women are concentrating on "The Goat."' Goat's milk is nourishing. We can send a purebred pedigreed goat to a family in Puerto Rico for thirty dollars ($30.00) and he can pick up a living on poor land. Many of the boys and girls have never tasted milk. This will make it possible for them to have milk to drink and use in cooking. Quoting from Mrs. Wisseman, "Thus our dollars turn into goats, then into milk, then into healthy children and healthy families."

Every woman in the Southern Convention, I am sure, wants to have a share in giving these boys and girls in Puerto Rico their first drink of milk. In order to do this we must begin to plan and to collect our nickles and dimes in each society now. If we get more than is needed for the goat, there is much needed farm equipment in the Rural Life Center. First we must get our thirty dollars for our goat, then we have the privilege of naming the goat. Then when Christmas comes we will be ready to use our program and dedicate our gifts.

Following Dr. Lauback's method each one tell one about our "Goat Fund." May we really have a Friendly concern for our neighbors to the south of us.

MRS. RAY F. GORDON

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Interdenominational Cooperation

REPORT OF INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION

Societies observing World Day of Prayer	36
Societies observing World Community Day	32
Societies observing May Fellowship Day	30
Societies active in Council of Church Women	17
Societies having Interdenominational Cooperation Chairman	11

Only the Suffolk District submitted a perfect record in the observance of all services.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, *Chairman*

It was moved by Mrs. L. W. Stagg that these above reports be accepted. Motion carried.

The Secretary read the Auditor's statement of the financial condition of the Treasurer's account. It was moved by Mrs. E. G. Middleton and seconded by Mrs. Ray Gordon that this statement be received and placed in the permanent files. Motion carried.

Driver, Virginia
September 28, 1953

Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference
of Congregational Christian Churches,
Mrs. Garland W. Spratley, President,
Dendron, Virginia.

Dear Madam:

At the request of your Treasurer, Mrs. George M. Cornell, I have made an examination of the cash recipts and disbursements as recorded in her accounts and financial records, for the fiscal year ended September 15, 1953.

All recorded receipts were deposted in bank and were in agreement with the bank statement. All disbursements were found to be sufficiently supported by invoice or cancelled check. A written confirmation of the bank balance was received direct from your depository.

My examination disclosed the following:

CASH SUMMARY

Balance September 16, 1952	$ 108.22
Receipts	10,163.74
Total Receipts and Balance	$10,271.96
Disbursements	9,978.98
Balance September 15, 1953	$ 292.98

It is my opinion, that all receipts and disbursements have been accounted for, and that the cash balance as set forth above is correct, and that your Treasurer has made a full and complete accounting of all funds entrusted to her custody during the fiscal year ended September 15, 1953.

Respectfully yours,
C. J. RIDDICK, JR., *Accountant.*

Mrs. Clarence Harris gave the Courtesy Committee report as follows:

The Courtesy Committee resolved:

That we express our appreciation to the executive board and all officers of the Eastern Virginia Conference, for their services, and the splendid program arranged for our information and inspiration today.

To Miss Grace Spivey—calling us to worship with her appropriate devotional message.

To Mrs. Harvey Carnes and Mr. Sheppard Johnson for their lovely musical selections so ably accompanied by Mrs. Claudia Jacobs.

To Rev. Quentin Leisher for presenting to us—in such a clear and dynamic message—our theme of this year. The Life and Task of the Church Around the World.

To our own Mrs. W. T. Scott who shared with us the wonderful experiences of her recent trip to the International Council in Scotland.

That we express our sincere appreciation to the pastor and ladies of the Franklin Church for their gracious hospitality extended to us today.

That each of our societies be commended for the splendid work done this year both spiritually and financially, and that we strive to attain higher goals this coming year.

MRS. C. N. HARRIS
MRS. RUSSELL BRADFORD,
MRS. WALTER SEELY
Committee

It was moved by Mrs. L. W. Stagg that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

Mrs. George Cornell read the Recommendation as recorded above.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations be adopted. Motion carried.

Mrs. J. F. Morgan gave the report of the Committee on Place.

Suffolk, Virginia
September 15, 1953

Mrs. J. F. Morgan
1036 W. 35th St.
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Mrs. Morgan:

The Womans' Auxiliary of Liberty Spring Congregational Christian Church wish to invite the Eastern Virginia Womans' Missionary Conference to meet with us next year.

Respectfully,
MRS. J. EDWARD HARRELL, JR.,
Secretary, Womans' Auxiliary,
Liberty Spring Christian Church.

The place of meeting for the 1954 Conference will be at Liberty Spring Church.

It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

Mrs. J. S. Rollings gave the following report from the Nominating Committee:

Franklin, Virginia,
October 1, 1953.

To—Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference
of Congregational Christian Churches:

We, your Nominating Committee for the year 1953-1954, submit the following slate:

OFFICERS

President ..... MRS. GARLAND W. SPRATLEY, Dendron
Dendron, Va.

Vice-President ..... MRS. RAY F. GORDON, Suffolk
218 Grace St., Suffolk, Va.

Recording Secretary ..... MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE, Oakland
Chuckatuck, Va.

Corresponding Secretary .... MRS. L. W. STAGG, Christian Temple
400 W. 34th St., Norfolk, Va.

Treasurer ..... MRS. GEORGE M. CORNELL, Berea (Nan.)
RFD No. 2, Suffolk, Va.

SUPERINTENDENTS

Young People ..... MRS. CLYDE FIELDS, Union (Sou.)
Hunterdale, Franklin, Va.

Children ..... MRS. SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND, Windsor
Windsor, Virginia

Cradle Roll ..... MRS. W. R. SKELLY, Rosemont
1210 Earle Ave., South Norfolk 6, Va.

It was moved by Mrs. R. T. Bradford and seconded that this report be adopted. Carried.

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill conducted the Installation Service for the slate of incoming officers.

The Conference closed with the hymn "Bless Be the Tie that Binds".

Benediction—Dr. Millard Stevens.

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY, President.
MRS. H. S. HARDECASTLE, Secretary.

Minutes of the Forty-First Annual Session of the N. C. Woman's Missionary Conference

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First Congregational-Christian Church, Greensboro, N. C.
October 6, 1953

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The Forty-first Session of the N. C. Woman's Missionary Conference was held on October 6, 1953 at the First Congregational Christian Church in Greensboro. The theme of the meeting was "Life and Task of the Church Around the World." The registration of the 400 persons attending began at 10:00 a. m., with the District Superintendents in charge of registering their District representatives. For fifteen minutes prior to the Call to Worship, Mrs. Vance Pegram led an inspiring Hymn Time.

Mrs. Wm. T. Scott, Conference President, formally opened the session with a Call to Worship at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Scott then recognized the ministers and visitors and reported that greetings to our conference had been sent by Miss Margaret Hargrove, Secretary of the National Women's Fellowship; Mrs. Garland Spratley, President of the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference; Mrs. W. B. Williams, President of the Woman's Convention; Mrs. J. H. Lightbourne, Sr., a past President of our Conference; and from three of our officers who could not attend —Miss Ruth Dunn, Mrs. Carl Dawson and Mrs. W. L. Parker. Mrs. Scott read the Committees which she had appointed prior to the Conference:

Program: Mrs. Carl Wallace, Mrs. Richard L. Jackson, Mrs. Russell V. Powell,, Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, Mrs. Wm. T. Scott.

Nominating: Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mrs. J. R. Ellis, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman.

Place: Mrs. Tucker, G. Humphries, Mrs. Y. A. Bray, Mrs. D. M. Estes.

Mrs. Scott reported that Mrs. Kenneth Register had been appointed as Visual Aids Superintendent. The following announcements were made:

Halifax District	March 31, 1954	Ingram
Henderson-Raleigh	April 1, 1954	Liberty-Vance
Sanford District	April 2, 1954	Fayetteville
Asheboro District	April 5, 1954	Ramseur
Greensboro District	April 6, 1954	Winston-Salem
Burlington District	April 7, 1954	Union Ridge

World Community Day—November 6, 1953—Theme: "Building Lasting Peace."

N. C. Council of Churches Skillshop—November 18, 1953—Greensboro, N. C.

Annual meeting of the N. C. Council of Churches—January 26 and 27, 1954—First Presbyterian Church, Durham, N. C.

1954 School of Missions Chairman—Mrs. H. G. Ballinger, Greensboro, N. C.

Ushers serving Conference today are from Palm Street Church, Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. Scott conducted a lovely service recognizing the past Presidents of the Conference. Mrs. W. P. Bowland presented a red rose to each of the past presidents or to persons representing thm: Mrs. Stanley C. Harrell (received by Dr. Harrell), Mrs. O. H. Paris, Mrs. J. H. Lightbourne

(received by Mrs. W. J. Sellars), Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Mrs. J. D. Strader, Mrs. F. C. Lester, Mrs. W. J. Andes. Mrs. S. E. Albert, placed three roses on the altar in memory of the three deceased Presidents: Mrs. W. H. Carroll, Mrs. L. L. Vaughan and Mrs. C. H. Rowland.

Mrs. Mark W. Andes led in an inspiring devotional service emphasizing the thought of "Rejoicing in our Task" and using the forty-second Psalm as the scriptural passage.

Mrs. Carl Key stimulated the thinking about the Children's Work by giving the recipe for creating a friendly feeling with people around the world. Using the ingredients for a cake, she made these similes: the sugar is the Friendship Press Story Books, the shortening is the Scripture verses that teach love for all people, the eggs are the games that children in other countries play, the flour is the prescribed studies, the leavening agent is the worship and prayer, the salt is the singing, the flavoring is the creative activities. This is to be "baked" in the warmth of understanding and the frosting is the friendly service and offering.

Mrs. Scott presented Mrs. J. T. Stanley who spoke to the Conference about the great influence Franklinton Center has had on the Negro churches in North Carolina and Virginia and even to the foreign mission field.

Mr. Martin T. Garren, Southern Convention Chairman of the Church Building Loan Fund, spoke briefly on the fund and urged continued support.

Rev. Quentin Leisher, Boston, Mass., Special Representative of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, brought the principal address of the morning—"Our Mission on Mindanao."

An offering of $188.46, launching the Thank Offering for Dr. Frank C. Lauback's work, was received with the prayer led by Miss Susie Allen.

Dr. W. E. Wisseman, pastor of the host church, led in the closing prayer and blessing.

During the lunch hour, some of the waitresses and others of the host church wore costumes of other countries and the dining rooms were decorated to lend an international atmosphere to the occasion. An effective display of articles from many countries served by our missionaries, was arranged in the church parlor.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference was re-convened at 2:00 o'clock. Mrs. Vance Pegram led in the singing of the theme hymn—"Forth in Thy Name," and Mrs. W. R. Sellars led in prayer.

Business session: The Secretary gave a resume of minutes of the year, calling attention to the following actions of the Executive Board:

1.—Voted to send Mrs. Scott to the Mid-winter Meeting in Cleveland in January, 1953.
2.—Voted that our conference pay $100.00 toward the purchase of a Soundscriber for use of Pattie Lee Coghill.
3.—Voted that the Conference Treasurer purchase uniform books to be used by Districts to file minutes and programs. To keep them uniform, each District will start the new books with the 1953 records and each will file it's book in the Southern Convention office after a number of years, designated later by the Board.
4.—Voted that beginning in 1954 Greensboro and Burlington Districts hold separate rallies.
5.—Voted that the Treasurer pay for a packet for each new Society.
6.—Voted to go on record as approving the change of the Conference name to the N. C. Women's Fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted with a vote of thanks for the faithful service of Miss Allen.

It was agreed by common consent that our goal for this year would be $10,000.

Receipts:

Women's Societies	$9,492.20
Young People	71.50
Junior	223.73
Cradle Rolls	463.96
Conference Offering (1952)	86.10
Rally Offerings	160.76
Puerto Rican Goat Fund	30.00
Total Receipts	$10,528.25

*Disbursments*s

Expense of Rallies	$ 83.74	
Rally Speaker	25.00	
Florist	5.78	
Literature Packets for new Societies	20.46	
Literature, Supplies, Mimeograph	34.98	
Expense of Board Meeting	17.10	
Expense of the President	25.02	
Expense of the Treasurer	11.10	
Transportation to Meetings	11.10	
On expense of the President to Cleveland Mid-Winter Meeting	125.00	
On Soundscriber	.100.00	
Youth Fellowship	71.50	
N. C. Council of Church Women	35.00	
General Dept. of United Church Women	80.21	
	658.06	
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas.		
Woman's Mission Board of the Southern Convention—For: Missions—General Fund	6,251.39	
Foreign Missions—Special Fund	165.00	
Home Missions—Special Fund	39.86	
Thank Offering	2,279.24	
Life Memberships	510.00	
Memorials	260.00	
Missions in Africa	32.00	
Rachanyapuram School	37.90	
Miss Corrine Nordquest's Work	64.20	
Miss Margaret Hammaker—for dried milk	25.00	
Mrs. Victor Masters	8,60	
Korean Orphan	100.00	
Relief and Reconstruction—Children's Fund	40,00	
Puerto Rican Goat Fund	30.00	
Ellis Island	15.00	
Christian Orphanage	12.00	
	9,870.19	
Total Disbursements		$10,528.25

Mrs. D. M. Estes presented the following motion coming from the Raleigh-Henderson District Rally in April, 1953.—That the name of the N. C. Woman's Missionary Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches be changed to the N. C. Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches, and that the Women's Missionary Convention of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., be notified of the change.

After much discussion the following motion was made and the majority voted in favor of it: "That it be the desire of the N. C. Woman's

Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches that the name of this body should be changed to the N. C. Women's Fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches and that we recommend this action to the Executive Board of the Southern Convention Woman's Missionary Convention."

Mrs. Carl Wallace made the following report of the registration for the day by Districts:

Asheboro 55 Burlington 92 Halifax 21 Sanford 29
Henderson 25 Greensboro 140 Raleigh 37 Total 400

Mrs. J. R. Ellis made the report of the *Nominating Committee*:

President — Mrs. W. T. Scott)
Vic Pres. — Mrs. R. L. Jackson) Elected in 1952 for 2 years.
Secretary — Miss Ruth Willis)
Treasurer — Miss Susie Allen

Chadle roll	Mrs. Mack Welch
Children	Mrs. W. A. Grissom
Young People	Mrs. Mark Andes
Spiritual Life	Mrs. H. E. Robinson
Family Life	Mrs. Edd Chilton
Social Action	Mrs. Carl Wallace
Life Memberships and Memorials	Mrs. W. B. O'Neill
Literature	Mrs. J. L. Davis
Interdenominational Cooperation	Mrs. R. V. Powell
Visual Aids	Mrs. K. D. Register

District Superintendents: (Elected at Spring Rallies)

Asheboro—Mrs. Bill Simmons; Greensboro—Mrs. C. J. Wright; Raleigh —Mrs. D. M. Estes; Burlington—Mrs. T. D. Sutton; Halifax—Mrs. G. W. Pollard; Sanford—Mrs. R. M. Clinton; Henderson—Mrs. E. M. Powell.

The new Societies in the Conference were reported to be Antioch in the Asheboro District, Mt. Gilead (reorganized) in the Henderson District and Kallam Grace (reorganized) in the Greensboro District.

There being no further business, the Conference continued with the program.

Mrs. F. C. Lester gave stress to the National Goals of our Life and Task which are:

1—Missionary Education and Stewardship.
2—Deepening our Spiritual Life.
3—Showing of the movie—"Hidden Heart" in every church.
4—Church Building Loan Fund.

Her concluding thought was the quotation "When We Know, We Care; When we Care, We Share."

Miss Pattie Lee Coghill spoke briefly on our opportunities in the area of Social Action, which she defined as the "Concern about the sore spots of the world." She suggested that each group subscribe to the Social Action Magazine, inform ourselves and then act, beginning with the sore spots in our own community.

Mrs. W. T. Scott then brought the afternoon address, a most interesting account of her trip this summer to the International Congregational Council in St. Andrews, Scotland.

An inspiring installation service was conducted by Mrs. W. J. Andes and the Conference Benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. Walstein Snyder, President of the N. C.-Va. Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY T. POWELL

Minutes of the Sixty-Second Annual Session of The Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association

SHELTON MEMORIAL CHURCH,
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA
December 8, 1953

MORNING SESSION

The Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association held its sixty-second annual session at the Shelton Memorial Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth, on Tuesday, December 8, 1953.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by the president, the Rev. H. E. Crutchfield. The program for the day's sessions was presented and adopted. The Rev. Thomas H. Britton, of the host church, conducted a service of worship.

The recording secretary called the roll of the churches, and the financial secretary, the Rev. R. E. Brittle, recorded the names of the members and collected dues for the year. He was assisted by the Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, the Rev. Ellis N. Clark, and the Rev. Clyde Fields. The following churches reported:

Antioch—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Berea (Nansemond)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, $5; Mrs. R. T. Bradford, $5; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, $5; Mr. J. C. Matthews, $10; Mr. R. T. Bradford, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Mr. T. J. Copeland, $10; the Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, $5. Total, $100.

Berea (Great Bridge)—Berean Class, $10; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $20; Ladies Auxiliary, $10; Sunday School, $15; Board of Deacons, $15; Mrs. Douglas McClain, $5; Mrs. W. E. Smith, $5; Mrs. F. N. Hall, $5; Mr. Sam Frost, $5; Mr. E. E. Waterfield, $10; Mr. Edgar Eason, $10; Church, $20; the Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, $10. Total, $150.

Bethlehem (Nansemond)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; the Rev. R. E. Brittle, $10; Ladies Aid Society, No. 1, $10; Ladies Aid Society, No. 2, $10; Ladies Star Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Youth Fellowship, $10; Mr. C. F. Savage, $10; Mr. A. C. Moore, $10; Mr. Arthur Wilkins, $10; Mrs. O. D. King, $5; Mrs. C. F. Savage, $5; Mary Sue Brittle Class, $10; Mrs. Arthur Wilkins, $5. Total, $135.

Cypress Chapel—Mr. Earl Bunch, $10; Mr. W. C. Knight, $10; Mr. J. P. Byrd, $10; Mr. Edward Baines, $10; Mr. Roy Brinkley, $10; Mr. F. E. Harrell, $10; Mr. H. T. Holloman, $10; Mr. W. M. Wilkins, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Senior Women's Bible Class, $10; Nettie Harrell Bible Class, $10; Young People's Bible Class, $10; Mrs. J. E. Copeland, $5; Young People's Dept. of Sunday School, $5.53; Mrs. Earl T. Farrell, $5; Mr. J. C. Lynch, $10; Mrs. J. C. Lynch, $5. Total, $160.53.

Damascus (Sunbury)—Primary Class, $5; Mr. Carroll Byrum, $10, the Rev. T. Fred Wright, $10; Mr. G. E. Rountree, $10; Mr. J. M. Byrum, $10; Women's Fellowship, $10. Total, $55.

Dendron—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Franklin—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Carrie Beale Bible Class, $10; Mr. E. P. Jones, $10; Mr. R. Ellsworth Jones, $10; Mr. L. Ross Jones, $10; Mrs. J. Letcher Eley, $5. Total, $85.

Holland—Church, $25; Sunday School, $25; Men's Class, $10; Ladies' Class, $10; Women's Auxiliary, $10; Mrs. J. D. Rawles, $5; Mr. J. P. Dalton, $10; Mr. E. L. Daughtry, $10. Total, $105.

Holy Neck—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; First Bible Class, $10; Second Bible Class, $10; Junior Baraca and Philathea, $10; Mrs. Allen Hurdle, $5; Mr. H. L. Worrell, Sr., $10. Total, $65.

Hopewell—Sunday School, $10. Total, $10.

Isle of Wight—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Liberty Spring—Woman's Auxiliary, $40; Mr. G. O. O'Berry, $35; R. E. Rogers Bible Class, $10; A. H. Savage Bible Class, $10; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Bertie Johnson Bible Class, $10; Sunday School, $10; Church, $10; Youth Fellowship, $10; Joel E. Harrell, Sr., $10; R. Wesley Harroll, Sr., $10; Mr. G. Ronnie Holland, $10; Mr. Fulmer Eason, $10; Mr. J. H. Turner, $10; Mr. N. W. Byrd, $10; Mr. E. F. O'Berry, $10; Mr. R. E. Rogers, $10; Mr. I. T. Byrd, $10; Mr. Parke C. Brinkley, $10; Mr. H. E. Savage, $10; Mr. Fermer Perry, $10; Mr. Joe Perry, $10; Mr. Zackey Perry, $10; the Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, $10; Mr. R. E. Parker, $10; Mr. Wm. T. Harrell, $10; Mr. Starkie Perry, $10; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, $5; Miss Lizzie Harrell, $5; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, $5; Walter O'Berry, $5; Betty Jean Oliver, $5; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, $5; Mrs. Wesley Moore, $5; Mrs. N. H. Bradshaw, $5; Mrs. R. E. Rogers, $5; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, Sr., $5; Carolyn Sue Harrell, $5; Mrs. R. Wesley Harrell, $5; Mrs. James C. Lynch, $5; Kathryn Lunch, $5 Janet Lynch, $5; Mrs. G. Romie Holland, $5; Mrs. L. T. Luter, $5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, $5; Mrs. Wm. Lowe, $5; Mrs. J. W. Tidwell, $5; Mrs. Roscoe Harrell, $5; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, Jr., $5; Mrs. Thurman Copeland, $5; Miss Huntas Rawles, $5; Mrs. Annie Byrd, $5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, $5; Kaye Brinkley, $5; Dick Brinkley, $5; Mrs. Parke C. Brinkley, $5; Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell, $5; Mrs. Percy Harrell, $5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, $5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, $5; Mrs. Fermer Perry, $5; Frank Perry, $5; Judith Anne Perry, $5; Mrs. Joe Perry, $5; Mr. J. M. Perry, $5; Mrs. Starkie Perry, $5; Jerry Perry, $5; Mrs. M. E. Copeland, $5; Mrs. R. E. Parker, $5; Thomas Stanley Harrell, $5; Dale Lawrence, $5; Mrs. John Hayes, $5; Mrs. Joe Savage (Memorial for Hrs. Mary Leigh Savage), $5; Mrs. Zackery Perry, $5; Junior Missionary Society, $10; Larry Perry, $5; Tempie Peerry, $5; Rosemary Joy Harrell, $5; Mrs. Evelyn Arnold, $5; Mrs. Luther Wilkins, $5; Mrs. L. F. Horton, $5; Mrs. Starkie Edward Perry, $5; Robert W. Harrell, Jr., $5; Richard Harrell, $5; Mrs. N. W. Byrd, $5. Total, $630.

Mt. Carmel—Miss Essie Johnson, $5; Mrs. Otis V. Joyner, $5; Mr. W. E. West, $10; Mrs. E. W. Beale, $5; Mrs. Lizzie Turner, $5;. Total, $30.

Mt. Zion—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Willing Workers Class, $10; Men's Friendship Class, $10; the Rev. Dr. I. W. Johnson, $10. Total, $50.

Newport News—Church, $70; Woman's Auxiliary, $40; Robert Lee House Class, $10; Choir, $10; Sunday School, $20; Newman Bible Class, $10; Golden Rule Bible Class, $10; Annie Smith Bible Class, $10; Progressive Bible Class, $10; Jesse H. Dollar Class, $10; Mr. C. D. West, $10; Mr. W. B. Williams, $10; Mr. W. H. Baker, $10; Mr. Carson Coats, $10; Mr. C. E. Holland, $10; Board of Deacons, $10; the Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., $10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, $5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, $5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, $5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, $5; Miss Grace Spivey, $5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, $5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, $5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, $5; Miss Kathrine Harrell, $5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, $5; Mrs.

R. C. Luke, $5; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, $5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, $5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, $5; Mrs. Edna R. Webb, $5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, $5; Mrs. C. L. Rountree, $5; Miss Nancy Luke, $5; Mrs. S. A. Morgan, $5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, Jr., $5; Mrs. Rufus Powell, $5; Mrs. Shirley Lawson, $5; Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler, $5; Mrs. Alice Tate Baker, $5; Mrs. E. T. Mason, $5; Mrs. Molly Harward (given by the Molly Harward Circle), $5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, $5; Miss Shirley Boulds, $5; Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, $5; Mrs. I. W. Ashburn, $5; Mrs. Mary Brinkley Ashburn, $5; Mr. R. C. Luke, $10; Mr. L. L. Taylor, $10; Mrs. R. L. Nottingham, Jr., $5; for Dr. N. G. Newman, $10. Total, $460.

Bay View (Norfolk)—Mrs. W. E. Smalling, $5; Women's Fellowship, $10; Men's Bartholomew Bible Class, $10; Dorothy Jackson Ladies Class, $10; Mrs. J. W. Cline, $5; Mrs. B. G. Harrell, Sr., $5; Mr. Wm. S. Wise, $10; Mr. H. J. Kivette, $10; Church, $10; Sunday School, $10. Total, $85.

Congregational Christian Temple (Norfolk)—Templemen's Bible Class, $10; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, $5; Mr. F. M. Brewer, $10; Mrs. F. M. Brewer, $5; Friendship Class, $20; Mr. R. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, $5; Dorcas-Twiddy Bible Class, $20; Fellowship Class, $10; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Albright, $10; Church (Mission Fund), $20; Mr. T. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, $5; Woman's Council, $20; the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, $10; Church (Current Expense Fund), $20; Church School, $20; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Jr., $10. Total, $220.

Little Creek (Norfolk)—Church, $25; Missionary Society, $10; West Bible Class, $10; Young People's Class, $10; Intermediate Class, $5; B. T. I. Bible Class, $5; Junior Boys' Class, $5; Junior Girls' Class, $5; Primary Class, $5; Beginners' Class, $5; Mrs. M. E. Taylor, $5; Christian Young People's Meeting, $10. Total, $100.

Rosemont—Church, $300; Mrs. J. S. Halstead, $5; Mrs. D. D. Johnston, $5; Mrs. W. C. Morrison, $5; Mrs. John Swink, $5; Mrs. Emily Steward, $5; Mrs. Fannie Herbert, $5; Mrs. W. H. Garrett, $5; Mrs. Mary Rowland, $5; Mrs. L. L. Milteer, $5; Mrs. E. F. Caldwell, $5; Mrs. Sinclair Dudley, $5; Mrs. Ada Gladstone, $5; Mrs. Royal Gallup, $5; Miss Ruth Dunn, $5; Mrs. Mary Booth, $5; Mrs. W. D. Hayman, $5; Mr. A. P. Cofield, $10; Mr. H. R. Morrison, $10; Mr. Emmitt Cuthrell, $10; Mr. J. B. Gibson, Jr., $10; Mr. L. L. Bondurant, $10; Mr. H. L. Bondurant, $10; Mr. T. F. Liverman, $10; Mr. Wm. Sparkman, $10; the Rev. Melvin Dollar, $10; Mr. Keith Parry, $10; Betty Gibson Bible Class, $10; Maude Hedley Bible Class, $10; Young Ladies Bible Class, $10; Young Men's Bible Class, $10; Couples' Class, $10; Young Adult Class, $10; Senior Young People, $10; Senior High Young People, $10; Junior High Young People, $10; Junior Fellowship, $10; Women's Missionary Society, $10; Adult Men's Bible Class, $10. Total, $600.

Central (Norfolk)—Friendship Bible Class, $10; Morning Star Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; the Rev. and Mrs. J. Everette Neese, $10; Junior Class, $5; Mrs. L. L. Windslow, $5. Total. $50.

Oak Grove—Adult Bible Class, $10. Total, $10.

Oakland—Sunday School, $10; Church, $10; I. W. Johnson Bible Class, $10; Mr. A. L. Wagner, $10; Mrs. Mildred G. Knight, $5; Mrs. P. D. Howell, $5; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $10; Mr. C. W. Darden, $10; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, $5; Men's Bible Class, $10; Newman Bible Class, $10; Mr. Thomas L. Jones, $10; Mr. Malbon E. Joyner, $10; Mr. O. W. Newman, $10; Loyal Fellowship Class, $10; Mr. Shelton Dailey, $10; Mrs. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $5; Mrs. Wm. Dailey, $5; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Mr. Henry Gayle Bradshaw, $10. Total, $190.

Elm Avenue—(Portsmouth)—Church, $10; Couples Class, $10; Gentlemen's Class, $10. Total, $40.

First (Portsmouth)—Church, $20; Sunday School, $20; Men's Bible Class, $20; Ellen Grimes Bible Class, $10; Fidelity Class, $10; Women's Fellowship, $10; Reliable Bible Class, $5; Mrs. William P. Smith, $5; Mr. T. J. Hendrix, $10; Mr. E. Whitley, $10; Mr. Norman R. Hamilton, $10. Total, $130.

Shelton Memorial (Portsmouth)—Church, $10; Young Women's Guild, $10; Senior Women's Guild, $10; Mrs. Lyda V. S. Fleming, $5; Mrs. William J. Bidgood, $5; Mrs. Thomas H. Britton, $5. Total, $50.

Suffolk—Woman's Fellowship, $50; West Memorial Bible Class, $20; Church, $20; Memorial to Dr. D. L. Harrell, $20; Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun, $5; Mrs. C. B. Duke, $5; Mrs. A. T. Holland, $5; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, $5; Miss Susie Holland, $5; Miss Jamie Felton, $5; Mr. James B. Grantham, $10; Philathea Class, $20; Baraca Class, $30; Mrs. A. A. Turner, $5; Mrs. J. D. McClenny, $5; the Rev. Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter, $10;. Total, $220.

Union (Southampton)—Sunday School, $10; Church, $10; Ladies Class, $10; Men's Class, $10; Women's Auxiliary, $10; Mrs. Clyde Fields, $5. Total, $55.

Waverly—Church, $10; C. D. West (Memorial to Mrs. R. T. West), $5; Mrs. A. B. Hartz, $5; Mr. A. P. Hartz, $10, Garland Gray, $20; Garland Gray (Memorial to Mrs. Ella V. Gray), $5; Sunday School (Memorial to Judge J. F. West); $10; Sunday School, $10; Sarah Johnson Class, $10; Ladies' Aid Society, $10; Woman's Missionary Society, $10; Acorn Bible Class, $10. Total, $110.

Burton's Grove—Sunday School, $10. Total, $10.

Windsor—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Baraca Class (Memorial for J. W. Roberts), $10; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Young Adult Class, $10; Mrs. Hattie J. Griffin (In memory of Mrs. Martha S. Persons), $5; Mrs. J. H. Gwaltney, $5; Mr. S. T. Holland, $10; Mr. E. J. Brock, $10. Total, $85.

The president noted that the memberships reported indicated an increase over the preceding year and expressed thanks to the churches for their interest in the Association.

Reports of churches aided by the Association were given by: Mrs. I. S. Morris for the Bay View Church, Mr. George B. Robertson for the Hopewell Church, the Rev. Earl T. Farrell for Cypress Chapel, and the Rev. J. Everette Neese for Central Church, Norfolk.

A discussion was held concerning the reports given and mention was made of the function of the C. M. A. in the establishment of a new church in the Eastern Virginia Conference area.

The Rev. James H. Lighbourne, Jr., of Holland, presented the treasurer's report in behalf of Mr. E. L. Rawles:

Treasurer's Report of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association from December 8, 1952, through December 8, 1953:

Receipts

Balance on deposit the Farmers Bank, Windsor, Va., December 8, 1952	$1,236.61
Memberships from individuals and church organizations	3,940.00
Total recepits	$5,176.61

Disbursements

To the Second (Central) Church, Norfolk, for use on building debt	$ 800.00
To Cypress Chapel Church, for use on debt	500.00
To Bay View Church on Pastor's salary	266.64
Secretary's Expenses	10.26
To Hopewell Church on Pastor's Salary	225.00
To Board of Publications for printing 1952 minutes in Annual	33.37
Total disbursements	$1,835.27

Balance on deposit in Farmers Bank, Windsor, Va., December 8, 1953	$5,176.61
Total	$5,176.61

The report was adopted by the Association.

The Rev. Dr. I. W. Johnson introduced the Rev. Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter, interim minister of the Suffolk Church, dean emeritus of Hartford Seminary, and former moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches. Dr. Potter delivered an inspiring address on "The Mission of the Church."

The financial secretary reported that the dues collected amounted to $3,980.53. It was also reported that some churches had not yet reported and that other memberships and dues were expected. ($40 additional has been received since adjournment of the meeting.)

The morning session was concluded following prayer by the Rev. Harvey L. Carnes. Luncheon was served by the Senior Women's Guild of the Shelton Memorial Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by the president at 1:30 o'clock,and the Rev. J. Everette Neese led the song service. Prayer was offered by the Rev. William P. Smith, of the First Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth.

The president presented the Rev. Dr. William T. Scott, Superintendent of the Southern Convention, who gave an interesting and informative report on his recent visit to Europe.

THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was given by the Rev. W. Milliard Stevens, of Congregational Christian Temple, Norfolk:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following recommendations:

1. That we express our sincere appreciation to the pastor and members of Shelton Memorial Church for their warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to each of us during our meeting today.
2. That we commend the retiring president, and other officers of the Association, for their excellent leadership and service during their terms of office.
3. That we note with regret the absence of Dr. N. G. Newman from this meeting and request the secretary of the Association to send a note of greeting to Dr. Newman and to assure him of our prayers and best wishes.
4. That we note the increased contributions to the Association this year and commend the pastors and churches for making this possible.
5. That we commend the churches which received aid during the past year for their fine progress.
6. That we express our deep gratitude to Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter for his stimulating address and to Dr. W. T. Scott for his report on his trip abroad.
7. That the officers of this Association be authorized to proceed with the establishing of any church during the next year, should a suitable opportunity present itself, and that they cooperate with the Conference Home Missions Committee in seeking to discover an opportunity for the establishment of a new church.

MRS. FRANK H. LEWIS
MORRIS E. TAYLOR
CLYDE FIELDS
W. MILLARD STEVENS, *Chm.*

THE REPORT WAS ADOPTED

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the election of the following officers for the coming year: President, the Rev. Earl T. Farrell; vice-president, the Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., financial secretary, the Rev. R. E. Brittle; recording secretary, the Rev. Thomas H. Britton; treasurer, Mr. E. L. Rawles.

Respectfully submitted,
H. S. HARDCASTLE
J. H. LIGHTBOURNE JR., *Chm.*

The report was accepted, and the secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot to elect the officers presented by the Nominating Committee.

The secretary read the Auditor's Report for Mr. Shirley T. Holland:

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have this 8th day of December, 1953, audited the books of E. L. Rawles, Treasurer of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association, and find that the balance on hand December 8, 1952, amounted to $1,236.61 with total deposits amounting to $3,940.00 and disbursements of $1,835.27 for the period December 8, 1952, to December 8, 1953, leaving a balance on hand o n deposit in the Farmers Bank, Windsor, Va., amounting to $3,341.34 as of December 8, 1953. The amounts set forth have been checked with the records of the Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia, and they agree with the above amounts.

Respectfully submitted,
S. T. HOLLAND, *Auditor*

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED

The report of the Plans Committee was presented by the Rev. Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, of Liberty Spring.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS

We have received requests from three churches for aid during the present conference year. We make the following recommendations:

1. To the Central Church (Norfolk), to be applied on their parsonage debt, $300.00.
2. To the Hopewell Church, $300.00 to suppliment pastor's salary until June 1, 1954, to be paid in equal monthly installments.
3. To the Bay View Church, to apply on the purchase of a parsonage, $1,000.00, to be paid when the parsonage has been purchased.

This makes a total of $2,600.00 to be paid from the memberships rereived at this session of the C. M. A.

We recommend that the sum of $1,500.00 of the memberships paid to this session of the C. M. A. be designated for the establishment of a new church within the bounds of the Eastern Virginia Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
I. W. JOHNSON
C. D. WEST, SR.
JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Chm.*

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted. A general discussion was held concerning the report and the proposed activities of the C. M. A. during the coming year.

Mrs. I. W. Johnson, reporting for the Committee on Place, announced that an invitation had been received from the Berea (Nansemond) Church suggesting that that 1954 Annual Session of the C. M. A. be held there. The report was accepted.

A motion was made by the Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., to the effect that the C. M. A. endorse the action taken by the Eastern Virginia Conference at its annual session in October and that the request of the C. M. be added to that of the Conference in seeking the cooperation of the Board of Home

Missions in conducting investigations and surveys in the conference area for the purpose of determining the best opportunity for the establishment of a new church; that the president of the C. M. A. be requested to appoint a committee to meet with a similar committee appointed by the president of the Conference to make plans relative to the establishment of a new church; and that the committee of the C. M. A. be instructed to report at the next annual session of the Association.

After considerable discussion the motion was carried.

The president thanked those present for their interest in the work of the Association and requested their continued support.

A motion authorizing the treasurer to reimburse the secretary for expenses incurred in relation to the 62nd annual session, and to pay for printing the proceedings of the session in the Annual of the Southern Convention, was offered, seconded, and passed.

Following prayer by the Rev. R. Eugene Tally, of the Elm Avenue Church, Portsmouth, the Association adjourned to meet for its 63rd Annual Session at the Berea (Nansemond) Church on Tuesday, December 7, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD, *President*
THOMAS H. BRITTON, *Recording Sec.*

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, TRYON, N. C.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1953

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President Kenneth D. Register called the session to order. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Treasurer:

	1951-52	1952-53
Apples' Chapel	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
Asheville		
Belew Creek	5.00	
Berea	15.00	15.00
Bethel	5.00	
Bethlehem	25.00	10.00
Beverly Hills	10.00	15.00
Burlington, First	30.00	45.00
Carolina	15.00	15.00
Concord	5.00	20.00
Danville		
Durham	40.00	15.00
Elk Spur		
Elon College Community	25.00	25.00
Gibsonville	10.00	25.00
Graham Providence Memorial		
Greensboro, First	10.00	10.00
Greensboro, Palm Street	5.00	15.00
Greensboro, Calvary		
Happy Home	10.00	5.00
Haw River	5.00	5.00
Hebron		
Hines' Chapel	35.00	45.00
Hopedale	5.00	
Howards' Chapel		
Ingram	15.00	15.00
Kallem Grove		
Lebanon		
Liberty	10.00	5.00
Long's Chapel		
Mebane		
Monticello		
Mt. Bethel		
Mt. Zion	15.00	
New Lebanon		
Pfafftown	10.00	15.00
Pleasant Grove	5.00	5.00
Pleasant Ridge		
Reidsville	15.00	10.00
Rocky Ford		
Salem Chapel		
Shallow Ford	10.00	15.00
Tryon		
Union (N. C.)	40.00	40.00
Union (Va.)	30.00	30.00

Winston-Salem	15.00	10.00
Zion		
Totals	$445.00	$435.00

C. M. A. TREASURER'S REPORT 1952-53

Balance in Treasury Nov. 12, 1952		$ 896.84
Receipts		
1952-53 Memberships (21)		105.00
1953-54 Memberships (72)		360.00
Total Receipts	$465.00	
Total in Treasury		$1,361.84
Disbursements		
Mrs. W. E. Briggs—Postage		3.00
Balance Nov. 11. 1953		$1,358.84

(At the reading of this report the $1,000 pledged on the Brookwood lot in Burlington, N. C., had not been paid). (Pledged in 1952-53).

Dr. William T. Scott told us about the promising prospects of a new church in South Boston, Va. Two or three meetings, at which time Conference officials and interested parties, discussed this possibility have already been held. These meetings have been most encouraging. Dr. Scott expressed his feeling that this new work should be given our immediate consideration.

Dr. Henry Robinson also talked briefly on this same matter. He too, felt that here was a real opportunity for church extension whch we should do something about as soon as possible.

After further discussion on this matter by several C. M. A. members the motion was made and carried that the C. M. A. take on the South Boston work as its project for the year 1953-54. Included in this motion was the statement that we try to raise at least $1,000 to be used toward purchasing a building site for the new church or toward the construction of the building itself.

The response to this motion was most enthusiastic. It was suggested that we try to get as many memberships towards this project as we could from the floor during this session. Acting on this suggestion around $700.00 was raised in cash and pledges. The Greensboro church and the Elon Community church each pledged $100. Hopedale church pledged $75.00; Howard's Chapel, Beverly Hills, Union (N. C.) each pledged $50.00, while individual memberships accounted for the rest of the above amount.

After reporting this good beginning on the South Boston project the chairman called for a special effort toward raising the full amount on this project by the end of this Conference year. We feel, that with your help, this goal can be reached!

On Wednesday morning November 11th the C. M. A. was again called into session at which time the following officers were elected:

KENNETH D. REGISTER, *President.*
DWIGHT JACKSON, *Vice-Presdent.*
MRS. W. E. BRIGGS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

The C. M. A. then adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, Nov. 16th, 1954 at the First Congregational Christian Church of Greensboro, N. C.

MRS. W. E. BRIGGS, *Acting Sec.*
KENNETH D. REGISTER, *Pres.*

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BETHLEHEM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 11, 1952

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The meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. Kenneth Register. Minutes of last annual meeting were read and approved.

A resolution pertaining to members of C. M. A. and Home Mission Board was presented. The resolution was as follows: Be it resolved that the Conference Home Misson Board and C. M. A. consist of three members, elected by conference and the officers elected by the C. M. A.; that the president of C. M. A. be the chairman of Conference Home Mission Board; and the conference appropriate a minimum of $300.00 annually to the C. M. A. for Home Mission work within the bounds of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

This resolution was to be acted on by the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

There was a discussion on who comprises the C. M. A. It was agreed that paid memberships, individuals or organizations, were the C. M. A.

Report of the Treasurer was given. A motion was made and the vote carried that this report be referred to the finance committee.

A number of memberships were collected.

It was moved and voted that the present officers remain in office for another year. The motion was made that the C. M. A. adjourn to meet at the next session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

The following is an item of business transacted during the year by the C. M. A. body:

By unanimous vote of the officers of your C. M. A. an appropriation of $1,000 was made toward payment on a church building site in the Brookwood area of Burlington, North Carolina. Your

C. M. A. accepted the responsibility of purchasing this lot several years ago. However, because of more urgent demands being made for aid from the C. M. A. we were not able to make the payment on this property for the last two years. During this time the Mission Board assumed this responsibility. We felt that this obligation should again be assumed by the C. M. A.

REV. KENNETH REGISTER, *Pres.*
MRS. R. W. ISLEY, *Secretary.*

C. M. A. TREASURY REPORT 1951-52

Nov. 7, 1952—Received from N. C.-Va. Conference	$300.00
Nov. 11, 1952—Transfer from Burlington Bank	236.84
Memberships received Nov. 1-12, 1952 (72)	360.00
Balance in Treasury Nov. 12, 1952	$896.84

This much of the 1951-52 report is correct. This being the time I took over the book I can't make a report on the entire year, except to copy the following notes I find in the back of the book. You may do what you think best with them.

George D. Colclough, Treas. Brookwood Aid (1951)	$220.00
A. D. Pate & Company	12.50

There is no statement as to how much money was in Treasury at beginning of 1951-52 year.

Sincerely,
DAISY BRIGGS.

Statistical Tables, Convention and Conference Officials, and Ministerial Directory

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 1 — OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP — VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY AND ADDRESS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Membership in Y. P. Soc., Classes, and Organizations	Church Building Loan Fund Quota
1. Antioch	Emerson J. Rohart	E. A. Showalter, H'burg	W. M. Neiswander, Park View, Va.	82	5	7	4	5	84	9	73	10	$ 343
2. Bethel	H. V. Harman	Mrs. H. T. Hensley, R. 2, Elkton	K. B. Dofflemyer, R. 2, Elkton, Va.	211	----	2	----	1	212	16	156	40	377
3. Bethlehem	Ralph M. Galt	Miss Ella Pickering, R. 1, Broadway	C. A. Phillips, R. 2, Broadway	94	8	16	1	4	106	24	124	34	312
4. Beulah	Emerson J. Rohart	Mrs. Joe Tibbins, Keezletown	(No S. S.)	14	1	1	----	----	15	----	----	----	33
5. Concord	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Russell Smith, R. 1, Timberville	Russell L. Smith, No. 1, Timberville	40	----	----	4	10	30	6	34	8	122
6. Dry Run	R. E. Newton	Mrs. Gail S. Burke, Waterlick	Wm. Burke, Waterlick	96	----	1	1	1	96	5	49	14	129
7. Joppa	R. E. Newton	Miss Ezylean Nicholson, Edinburg	(No S. S.)	30	----	----	----	1	29	----	----	----	52
8. Leaksville	R. E. Newton	Ralph O. Rothgeb, R. 3, Luray	Keyser T. Rothgeb, R. 3, Luray	190	2	2	1	6	186	15	90	37	436
9. Linville	Emerson J. Rohart	Mrs. Roy L. Smith, R. 2, H'burg	Roy L. Smith, H'burg, R. 2	96	3	13	2	4	105	12	112	24	393
10. Mayland	Emerson J. Rohart	Mrs. Florence Spitzer, R. 1, Broadway	Thomas L. Stover, R. 1, Broadway	44	----	----	1	2	42	9	42	20	131
11. Mt. Lebanon	R. E. Newton	Roy W. Comer, Shenandoah	Mrs. Ruth Kite, Shenandoah	129	----	----	----	1	128	11	111	----	211
12. Mt. Olivet (G)	H. V. Harman	Miss Winona Morris, Dyke	John T. Marshall, Dyke	141	----	----	1	5	136	14	81	16	276
13. Mt. Olivet (R)	H. V. Harman	Miss Laura E. Lam, R. 2, Elkton	J. J. Law, McGaheysville	154	----	1	1	5	150	12	107	12	267
14. New Hope	Emerson J. Rohart	H. E. Liskey, R. 3, Harrisonburg	Joe Van Pelt, Harrisonburg, R. 3	59	5	5	----	2	62	8	52	23	157
15. Newport	R. E. Newton	C. W. Louderback, Shenandoah	Kermit Kibler, Stanley	210	17	17	1	2	225	20	149	20	426
16. Oak Dale	James E. Thomas	Robert Barr, Rig, W. Va.	Earl Barr, Rig, W. Va.	132	----	----	----	----	132	----	----	----	300
17. Palmyra	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, R. 3, Edinburg	Woodrow Baker, R. 3, Edinburg	95	1	1	1	3	93	7	26	----	151
18. Timber Ridge	Cameron D. Hayes	Walton E. Brill, Yellow Spring, W. Va.	Leyburn R. Brill, Yellow Spring, W. Va.	237	----	2	2	13	226	13	63	25	495
19. Winchester	Robert A. Whitten	Roy A. Larrick, 367 E. Piccadilly St.	Donald F. Smith, 321 Shenandoah Ave.	384	12	13	1	6	391	34	144	46	1,101
20. Wissler's Chapel	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Nina Will, Quicksburg	Donald Green, Mt. Jackson	74	----	9	----	2	81	7	59	25	136
21. Wood's Chapel	Ralph M. Galt	Mrs. Austin Kipps, New Market	John L. Kagey, New Market	114	1	1	2	2	113	8	48	25	188
Totals				2,626	55	91	23	75	2,642	230	1,520	379	$5,736

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2 — FINANCE—

CHURCH	Conv. Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Minis. Schol.	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Natl. H. M. & Minis. Relief	Foreign & R. R. Missions	Total Pd. on Appt.
Antioch	$ 132	$ 114	$ 85	$ 29	$ 163	$ 10	$ 5	$ 12	$ 81	$ 103	$ 72	$ 806
Bethel	63	68	80	12	128	19	9	24	71	47	54	575
Bethlehem	72	67	92	24	128	9	5	10	70	63	54	594
Beulah	13	6	6	2	10	3	1	1	8	8	13	71
Concord	14	11	11	7	20	6	3	4	34	12	11	133
Dry Run	36	35	34	8	19	4	4	2	22	12	30	206
Joppa	11	9	9	3	19	4	1	2	13	10	11	92
Leaksville	44	50	78	------	144	19	10	14	130	------	57	546
Linville	111	70	90	28	153	19	10	14	119	86	92	792
Mayland	4	4	3	2	11	2	1	1	65	4	3	100
Mt. Lebanon	33	23	23	9	45	8	7	6	33	16	20	223
Mt. Olivet (G)	39	33	33	11	53	1	1	5	40	18	37	271
Mt. Olivet (R)	29	24	24	9	48	13	8	5	79	25	21	285
New Hope	37	49	33	12	59	6	3	4	42	32	32	309
Newport	88	381	88	27	153	18	9	12	94	76	48	994
Oak Dale	21	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	18	21	60
Palmyra	5	18	4	4	8	10	2	4	29	2	11	97
Timber Ridge	77	66	66	22	123	25	12	12	99	68	65	635
Winchester	167	100	100	61	353	30	15	17	160	111	434	1,548
Wissler's Chapel	28	21	21	5	40	5	3	4	27	25	14	193
Wood's Chapel	27	19	19	5	31	9	4	4	34	24	14	190
Misc. collections—Church undesignated	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Totals	$1,051	$1,168	$ 899	$ 280	$1,708	$ 220	$ 113	$ 157	$1,250	$ 760	$1,114	$8,720

VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

C. M. A.	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Bldg. Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conf.	Total Raised for Missions & Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Paid for Current Expenses	Total Paid for New Building	Total Paid for Improvements	Total Paid on Indebtedness	Total Paid for Local Expenses	Grand Total Paid for all Purposes	*If Church has parsonage. Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Property
$ 27	$---	$---	$---	$ 58	$ 130	$ 1,021	$ 702	$ 1,073	$-------	$ 662	$-------	$ 1,735	$ 2,756	$ 10,000	$-------
3	----	126	----	80	76	860	900	1,222	--------	--------	--------	1,222	2,082	* 25,000	--------
37	----	----	9	75	------	715	1,200	2,327	34,000	--------	2,500	38,827	39,542	* 41,400	9,500
----	----	----	----	----	------	71	75	75	--------	--------	--------	75	146	2,000	--------
8	----	----	----	----	------	141	500	720	--------	--------	286	1,006	1,147	5,200	--------
----	----	----	----	----	25	231	403	447	20	145	--------	612	843	8,000	--------
----	8	9	5	----	------	114	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	114	2,000	--------
20	----	74	29	----	139	808	1,099	1,430	--------	843	--------	2,273	3,081	* 11,500	--------
8	31	----	28	----	133	992	800	967	433	300	--------	1,700	2,592	* 10,800	300
----	----	----	----	3	------	103	600	860	--------	--------	1,100	1,960	2,063	10,000	1,500
----	5	35	11	----	10	284	629	705	1,044	--------	--------	1,749	2,033	1,100	--------
----	----	----	----	75	10	356	350	694	--------	2,100	--------	2,794	3,156	7,000	1,000
----	----	----	----	----	25	310	428	838	--------	735	--------	1,573	1,883	15,000	--------
22	----	----	15	44	54	444	450	617	--------	2,596	--------	3,213	3,657	5,000	--------
----	----	----	25	25	78	1,122	959	1,213	2,547	--------	--------	3,760	4,882	8,000	--------
----	----	----	----	----	------	60	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	60	--------	--------
----	----	----	----	19	------	116	500	671	--------	133	--------	804	920	6,900	--------
15	50	----	4	----	------	704	1,200	1,520	--------	600	--------	2,120	2,824	* 25,000	1,100
45	100	150	----	408	218	2,469	3,000	6,291	--------	2,939	--------	9,230	11,699	* 75,000	--------
----	----	----	15	15	------	223	360	454	--------	50	475	979	1,202	6,400	600
8	----	----	12	28	17	255	500	681	--------	--------	--------	681	936	3,400	--------
91	----	----	----	----	------	91	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	--------	91	--------	--------
$284	$194	$394	$153	$830	$ 915	$ 11,490	$ 14,655	$ 22,305	$ 38,044	$ 11,103	$ 4,361	$ 76,313	$ 87,803	$278,700	$ 14,000

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 3 — OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP — EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY AND ADDRESS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Membership in Y. P. Soc., Classes, & Organizations	Church Building Loan Fund Quota
22. Antioch	Ellis N. Clark	J. H. Godwin, Windsor	Coston Cobb, Zuni	109	12	12	1	1	120	12	75	----	$ 378
23. Barrett's	J. W. Madren	P. B. Barrett, R. 1, No. 14, Sedley	John Simms, Jr., Sedley, Va.	66	----	----	2	29	37	6	27	----	204
24. Berea (Nans)	H. S. Hardcastle	Mrs. Hubert Harrell, Box 104, Driver	R. T. Bradford, R. 2, Suffolk	202	11	20	2	6	216	18	200	30	872
25. Bethlehem (Disp)	John Gallo	J. C. Tomko, Prince George	Mrs. Edward Brisko, Petersburg	110	----	----	2	4	106	6	71	----	459
26. Bethlehem (Nan)	R. E. Brittle	W. E. White, 108 Chestnut St., Suffolk	Hugh Gray, 458 W. Washington, Suffolk	703	18	51	6	21	733	34	503	75	2,040
27. Burton's Grove	J. W. Madren	Mrs. G. C. Brittle, Wakefield	L. F. Logan, Wakefield	41	----	----	2	2	39	7	28	20	153
28. Centerville	J. E. McCauley	Mrs. F. W. Barlowe, Disputanta	R. F. Livesay, Disputanta	60	1	1	4	12	49	9	30	10	184
29. Cypress Chapel	E. T. Farrell	Mrs. W. O. Jones, Rt. 1, Suffolk	James Lassiter, 208 Grace St., Suffolk	411	4	10	4	110	311	22	227	85	1,321
30. Dendron	J. W. Madren	Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron	E. T. Atkinson, Dendron	30	----	----	1	2	28	9	38	8	209
31. Eure	R. E. Brittle	Elijah Felton, Gates, N. C.	T. A. Eure, Gatesville, N. C.	298	3	6	2	6	298	7	130	18	709
32. Franklin	H. L. Carnes	Allen Doughty, 413 Chestnut St., Franklin	W. K. Wise, 505 3rd. Ave., Franklin	401	5	23	4	16	408	23	263	35	2,132
33. Great Bridge, "Berea"	H. E. Crutchfield	Mrs. Edna Sullivan, Rt. 1, Hickory	Ralph Nichols, R. 3, Norfolk	282	8	14	5	38	258	22	330	28	1,197
34. Holland	J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.	Mrs. W. E. Norfleet, Holland	James R. Jones, Holland	322	1	2	3	14	310	14	166	18	1,913
35. Holy Neck	A. L. Hurdle	Miss Mildred A. Carter, Holland	S. J. Felton, Box 112, Holland	341	9	14	5	54	301	44	288	25	1,270
36. Hopewell	[1]J. W. Rackley, Jr.[3]	Mrs. Frank Sodomka, Hopewell	George A. Roberson, Hopewell	139	2	5	----	1	143	4	52	15	464
37. Isle of Wight	Ellis N. Clark	Mrs. R. F. Whitley, Isle of Wight	George F. Walls, Isle of Wight	79	----	----	2	7	72	11	56	----	357
38. Johnson's Grove	H. L. Carnes	Mrs. B. F. Hancock, Sedley		33	----	----	1	1	32	----	----	----	138
39. Liberty Spring	[2]Jesse H. Dollar	Mrs. J. C. Lynch, R. 1, Box 162, Suffolk	Luther W. Wilkins, R. 1, Suffolk	357	9	16	5	12	361	37	229	30	1,591
40. Mt. Carmel	Ellis N. Clark	Mrs. F. H. Johnson, Zuni	Fred Johnson, Zuni	212	3	5	3	23	194	22	211	----	872
41. Mt. Zion	I. W. Johnson	Mrs. G. W. Dixon, Eclipse	J. R. Dixon, Jr., Eclipse	51	----	3	----	4	50	6	----	----	265
42. New Lebanon	J. E. McCauley	O. V. Cockes, Elberon	O. V. Cockes, Elberon	52	----	----	1	3	49	6	30	----	224
43. Newport News	A. L. Granger, Jr.	Mrs. J. H. Duling, Newport News	H. D. Stalanker, Newport News	547	11	35	5	30	552	32	346	20	3,264
44. Norfolk: "Bay View"		C. C. Mountcastle, Jr., Norfolk	W. E. Ward, Jr., Norfolk	130	2	21	4	27	124	19	191	----	724
45. Central	J. E. Neese	Mrs. L. F. Thigpen, Norfolk	W. W. Starnes, Norfolk	177	13	30	----	29	178	16	148	12	877
46. "Christian Temple"	W. M. Stevens	L. W. Vaughan, Jr., Norfolk	C. E. Reynolds, Jr., Norfolk	856	15	27	11	35	848	26	412	42	5,330

47. "First"	Olin B. Pendleton	Victor Holloman, Norfolk, 6	Mrs. J. M. Harris, Norfolk 6	179	10	13	1	2	190	17	132	----	969
48. "Little Creek"	M. E. Taylor	J. B. Watson, 7915 Willard Rd., Norfolk	R. J. Amory, 3300 Shore Dr. Norfolk 3	80	3	3	1	1	82	8	143	18	388
49. "Rosemont"	Melvin Dollar	Miss Lowrine V. Halstead, S. Norfolk	J. A. Halstead, R. 3, Box 126, Norfolk	510	53	86	3	18	578	35	402	40	2,861
50. Oak Grove	E. T. Farrell	John F. Parker, Sunbury, N. C.	Norman Eason, Sunbury, N. C.	66	5	8	----	3	71	6	52	16	265
51. Oakland	[2]H. S. Hardcastle	Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle, Carrollton, Va.	Henry G. Bradshaw, R. 4, Suffolk	443	2	13	4	14	442	14	345	25	1,530
Portsmouth:													
52. "Elm Ave."		B. P. Deans, Portsmouth	J. H. Witherbee, Portsmouth	63	3	8	2	9	62	12	83	----	704
53. "First"	W. P. Smith	W. H. Byrd, Portsmouth	W. W. Piland, Portsmouth	267	11	28	3	65	230	19	147	10	1,410
54. "Shelton Mem."	T. H. Britton	W. F. Laurence, Portsmouth	G. R. Kilham, Portsmouth	133	2	15	2	4	144	11	56	15	683
55. Richmond, "First"	R. C. Helfenstein	Mrs. G. R. Gravely, Richmond	A. A. Dofflemeyer, Richmond	188	10	22	----	22	188	13	109	14	1,459
56. South Norfolk	O. D. Poythress	C. E. Hollowell, S. Norfolk	Eugene Tull, South Norfolk	101	38	47	----	8	640	55	623	25	2,796
57. Spring Hill	J. E. McCauley	H. E. Drewery, Wakefield	G. C. White, Waverly	75	----	----	----	15	60	4	48	----	265
58. Suffolk	George D. Alley	J. L. Byrd, Suffolk	Floyd A. Turner, Suffolk	1,273	15	44	12	37	1,280	58	832	74	6,290
59. Sunbury, "Dam."	T. Fred Wright	L. E. McCoy, Sunbury, N. C.	J. H. Parker, Jr., Sunbury, N. C.	193	4	6	1	9	190	10	125	18	775
60. Union (So.)	Clyde L. Fields	Miss Ruth Cobb, R. 2, Franklin	Leroy Allen, R. 2, Franklin	260	7	23	1	13	170	22	255	20	928
61. Union (Surry)	J. M. Roberts	F. F. Huber, Dendron	G. S. Huber, Spring Grove	30	----	----	1	9	21	5	23	----	163
62. Wakefield	J. W. Madren	Wallace F. Brittle, R. F. D., Wakefield	R. M. Brittle, R. F. D. Wakefield	110	----	----	1	4	106	14	121	27	459
63. Waverly	J. E. McCauley	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Waverly	R. H. Clarke, Waverly	200	17	23	5	5	218	16	160	18	1,066
64. Windsor	Ellis N. Clark	Miss M. Violet Griffin, Windsor	William Gwaltney, Windsor	179	8	21	----	3	197	15	190	30	842
Totals				10,859	315	655	112	728	10,786	746	7,897	821	$ 51,000

[1]D. D. Nash, Pastor Emeritus

[2]I. W. Johnson, Pastor Emeritus

[3]Disciples

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 4 — FINANCE—

NAME OF CHURCH	Conv. Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Ministerial Scholarship	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Conf. Home Missions	Va. Council of Churches	Natl. H. M. & Min. Relief	Foreign Missions & R. R.	Total Paid on Appt.	C. M. A.
Antioch	$ 30	$ 56	$ 62	$ 16	$ 69	$ 9	$ 4	$ 7	$---	$---	$---	$ 27	$ 30	$ 310	$ 10
Barnett's	15	11	20	11	15	6	5	5	5	5	2	11	14	125	------
Berea (Nans)	118	113	73	53	158	16	18	12	---	---	---	83	110	754	100
Berea (Gr. Bridge)	101	100	42	58	171	20	16	16	15	35	5	88	119	786	150
Bethlehem (Disp.)	40	15	15	13	38	16	6	12	5	5	4	23	60	252	------
Bethlehem (Nans)	171	640	152	80	195	55	18	42	15	50	15	140	136	1,709	135
Burton's Grove	14	16	10	11	31	3	5	2	5	5	2	21	11	136	------
Centerville	12	6	15	10	15	5	5	4	5	5	2	10	10	104	------
Cypress Chapel	112	151	115	44	142	29	15	22	15	50	11	98	112	916	161
Dendron	16	117	15	10	15	3	3	2	3	2	1	14	14	215	10
Eure	37	55	54	11	94	21	11	16	---	---	---	33	39	371	------
Franklin	212	141	245	86	322	29	15	22	15	75	12	187	222	1,583	85
Holland	192	634	224	52	345	31	9	25	10	75	12	169	185	1,963	105
Holy Neck	90	204	140	45	234	26	10	20	10	25	9	79	72	964	65
Hopewell	45	28	10	11	15	13	5	8	5	4	6	19	47	216	10
Isle of Wight	24	30	75	11	63	6	10	5	10	10	2	21	30	297	10
Johnson's Grove	16	25	10	11	15	6	5	5	5	3	2	14	14	131	------
Liberty Spring	152	442	268	53	249	45	23	33	15	40	12	119	137	1,588	630
Mt. Carmel	100	108	105	44	161	19	15	15	15	35	7	88	102	814	30
Mt. Zion	13	22	15	11	15	5	5	4	5	5	2	11	10	123	50
New Lebanon	30	32	25	8	46	---	---	---	10	10	2	22	26	211	------
Newport News	546	797	505	140	502	39	25	30	25	100	15	299	635	3,658	460
Norfolk—Bay View	30	97	40	11	63	6	10	5	---	---	---	27	30	319	65
" Central	54	108	94	13	107	11	6	8	10	30	3	48	49	541	50
" Ch. Temple	638	330	850	132	1,150	104	35	80	35	100	31	561	774	4,820	220
" First	46	263	50	10	20	---	---	---	10	35	9	50	74	567	------
" Little Creek	13	80	5	5	15	6	4	5	2	2	1	12	14	164	100
" Rosemont	338	1,025	480	90	512	39	25	30	25	80	14	297	454	3,409	600
Oak Grove	37	20	45	8	58	7	4	6	5	10	3	26	39	268	10
Oakland	302	152	207	47	212	45	14	35	15	35	10	113	305	1,492	190
Portsmouth—Elm Ave.	55	60	28	12	53	10	3	7	5	30	3	49	54	369	40
" First	147	158	192	44	224	13	10	10	10	35	6	126	145	1,120	120
" Shelton Mem.	40	38	17	26	76	7	11	6	10	5	3	35	36	310	50
Richmond	100	189	185	22	161	13	15	10	11	26	4	88	118	942	------
South Norfolk	184	482	266	51	314	64	17	46	15	60	20	162	198	1,879	------
Spring Hill	42	60	33	11	63	6	5	5	5	10	2	27	43	312	------
Suffolk	637	986	906	157	1,150	123	38	85	---	---	---	560	647	5,289	220
Sunbury—Damascus	51	88	75	11	96	16	10	12	10	15	5	45	41	475	55
Union (So.)	59	74	77	11	79	15	21	10	20	15	5	51	81	518	55
Union (Surry)	31	99	20	11	15	4	5	3	5	5	2	16	31	247	------
Wakefield	42	59	64	25	63	12	5	9	5	10	4	46	44	388	------
Waverly	106	126	185	22	257	19	15	15	10	25	5	94	122	1,001	110
Windsor	83	150	113	22	127	12	15	9	15	30	4	73	92	745	85
Totals	$5,121	$8,387	$6,127	$1,530	$7,725	$934	$496	$703	$416	$1,097	$257	$4,082	$5,526	$ 42,401	$3,981

EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Building Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conf.	Total Raised for Missions & Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Paid for Current Expenses	Total Paid for New Building	Total Paid for Improvements	Total Paid on Indebteness	Total Paid for Local Expenses	Grand Total Paid for all Purposes	*If Church has parsonage	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Property
$	$	$ 17	$	$ 139	$ 476	$ 650	$ 985	$	$	$	$ 985	$ 1,461		$ 5,000	$
5		5	40		175	400	820				820	995		5,000	
	220	30	1,000	306	2,410	1,950	4,200				4,200	6,610		65,000	
275	125		250	140	1,726	3,520	5,585	356			5,941	7,667	*	70,000	
		21	55	36	364	1,800	2,280		260		2,540	2,904	*	8,500	
			105	555	2,504	3,600	6,880	4,390	125		11,395	13,899	*	52,750	20,000
2				49	187	400	478		260		738	925		9,000	
9		7			120	168	254		10		264	384		1,500	
		25	181	301	1,584	3,000	5,647	490	831	2,000	8,968	10,552	*	42,500	2,000
30			100	121	476	525	1,122		70		1,192	1,668		3,000	
			60	105	536	600	1,070				1,070	1,606		2,500	
375		37		459	2,539	2,000	6,930		4,872	450	12,252	14,791	*	120,000	4,400
325		37	375	318	3,123	3,800	8,247			1,000	9,247	12,370	*	105,000	1,500
341			115	412	1,897	2,400	4,960				4,960	6,857	*	37,000	
			18	40	284	1,620	2,543	500			3,043	3,327		15,000	
45			153	90	595	625	1,412	35	50		1,497	2,092		25,000	
34				65	230	100	122				122	352		4,000	
358		53	901	517	4,047	3,300	6,932	83	125		7,140	11,187	*	75,000	
		22	150	214	1,230	1,050	2,069	50	18		2,137	3,367		10,000	
53				95	321	750	1,654	1,157	252		3,063	3,384		10,000	
			71	24	306	344	499		10		509	815		5,000	
500		75	780	411	5,884	4,400	12,950		315	4,460	17,725	23,609	*	183,500	21,120
	100			160	644	2,636	4,469	14,510			18,979	19,623		44,000	8,000
		42	229	119	981	3,900	6,542		392	4,200	11,134	12,115	*	78,000	25,510
854			1,062	628	7,584	5,600	22,495		3,217	1,000	26,712	34,296	*	580,000	6,700
			121	120	808	3,380	6,360		893		7,253	8,061	*	56,000	
			350	127	741	2,420	3,840	668			4,508	5,249	*	12,000	
528		50		455	5,042	4,600	11,570	13,930			25,500	30,542	*	200,000	50,000
	88		25	78	469	240	545		175		720	1,189		5,800	
450		76	133	322	2,663	1,950	5,263		2,451		7,714	10,377	*	77,000	
	200		268	70	947	2,860	4,267	242	200		4,709	5,656	*	25,000	
		12		199	1,451	3,300	8,749		200		8,949	10,400	*	133,500	
		48	57	95	560	2,840	5,179	129	2,556		7,864	8,424	*	26,000	
268		34	122	92	1,458	3,960	8,371		1,812	373	10,556	12,014	*	282,000	
			532	290	2,701	4,680	11,942	369			12,311	15,012		227,000	
				20	332	180	979				979	1,311		5,000	
61			19	1,269	6,858	5,500	40,560				40,560	47,418	*	312,000	
188	194	20		167	1,099	2,600	4,803			240	5,043	6,142	*	38,000	
250		25		223	1,071	3,600	5,422	25,000	1,200	3,000	34,622	35,693	*	70,000	8,000
26			44		317	180	212				212	529		4,000	
				101	489	1,650	2,955			9,295	12,250	12,739	*	36,000	8,000
		48	135	117	1,411	2,220	4,070		9,848		13,918	15,329	*	35,000	6,500
150		33	148	214	1,375	1,110	3,209		9,200		12,409	13,784	*	77,000	7,400
$ 5,1 7	$927	$717	$7,599	$9 263	$70,015	$96,408	$239,441	$ 61,909	$ 39,342	$ 26,018	$366,710	$436,725		$3,164,050	$169,130

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 5 — OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP — EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY AND ADDRESSES	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Membership in Y. P. Soc., Classes, & Organizations	Young Adults	Church Building Loan Fund Quota
65. Amelia		Mrs. W. Aikens, R. 1, Clayton, N. C.	Willis Eatmon, R. 1, Clayton	191	14	9		4	196	12	193	40	32	$ 381
66. Antioch	William Rich	H. L. Wall, Elams	Harvey Carroll, White Plains, Va.	107	1	2	1	4	105	9	62	20		203
67. Auburn	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. Gladys Allen, R. 2, Raleigh	J. C. Ford, Garner	157	1	1	1	3	155	19	93			343
68. Bethel	J. Lee Johnson			*22					22					76
69. Bethlehem	W. A. Rich	Miss Myrtle Gray, Littleton	Luther Walker, R. 3, Littleton	78		3		2	79	8	40			131
70. Beulah	R. E. Talley	Mrs. Donald Privette, R. 1, Youngsville	William Barham, R. 2, Wake Forest	169	18	20	2	16	173	11	172	6		517
71. Catawba Springs	Inactive			*244					244					480
72. Chapel Hill	Richard L. Jackson	Mrs. Wm Alexander, Chapel Hill	Joe Tyson, Chapel Hill	110	6	45	1	15	140	22	100	7	44	509
73. Christian Chapel	Carl J. Dixon (Stu.)	R. B. Dickens, Corinth	R. B. Dickens, Corinth	144	4	4	3	26	122	5	52			173
74. Christian Light	George M. Tally	Mrs. Bickett Arnold, Fuquay Springs	J. Crayton Senter, Fuquay Springs	199	9	10	2	7	202	9	126			304
75. Clayton	J. L. Atkins (Bap.)	Mrs. Edith Lee, N. 2nd St. Clayton	Robert Rollins, Raleigh	51					51					292
76. Damascus	E. M. Powell	Mrs. Paul Long, Chapel Hill	Lacy Wilson, R. 3, Chapel Hill	65	1	5	1	6	64	7	40			214
77. Ebenezer	W. C. Farrell	James A. King, R. 3, Durham	Foy G. King, R. 3, Durham	237	8	12	1	2	247	12	166	20		353
78. Fayetteville	Carl Wallace	Mrs. F. L. Ledwell, Fayetteville	Douglas Hiot, Fayetteville	35	5	16	1	1	50	7	65			285
79. Fuller's Chapel	E. M. Carter	Margaret Edwards, R. 4, Henderson	T. T. Coghill, R. 4, Henderson	163	4	5	1	3	165	19	131	14	34	324
80. Good Hope	E. M. Carter	Mrs. M. Davis, R. 1, Youngsville	Miss Vivian Davis, R. 1, Youngsville	100		1		6	95	5	50			196
81. Hayes Chapel	W. C. Farrell	Mrs. Hettie M. Sandy, Box 213, Garner	Robt. Goss, R. 3, Raleigh	76		1		3	74	7	71			166
82. Henderson	J. Frank Apple	Mrs. John Hall, Box 205, Henderson	J. Lee Lzssiter Jr., Henderson	335	12	50	3	9	376	14	249	30	30	1,087
83. Hope Mills	Carl Wallace	Mrs. Doris West, Hope Mills	D. E. Cuibreth, Hope Mills	54				24	30	4	30			195
84. Lebanon	George M. Tally	Mrs. Alton Mitchell, R. 5, Sanford	Challie B. Holt, R. 2, Sanford	44		1		3	42	5	25			104
85. Lee's Chapel	Bill Simmons (Lic.)	Miss Mary Gunter, R. 5, Sanford	Mrs. J. R. Underwood, R5, Sanford	66	8	26		26	66	9	77			166
86. Liberty (Vance)	W. A. Grissom	Miss M. Alston, R1, Henderson	F. B. Fuller Jr., R1, Henderson	378	6	9	3	26	361	31	308	55	35	1,283
87. Martha's Chapel		Mrs. Ernest Council, R3, Apex	Thomas Churchill, Durham	63			2	3	60	8	33		10	134
88. Moore Union		Mrs. J. W. Lett, R7, Sanford	Gilbert Lett, Wye St., Sanford	105		3		1	107	6	42			173
89. Morrisville	E. M. Powell	G. J. Green, Morrisville	J. F. Hilliard, Cary	50	4	10			60	9	53			207

90. Mt. Auburn	William A. Rich	Mrs. Eugene Wilson, Manson	W. B. Ellington, Manson	152	----	6	----	5	153	12	85	----	20	523
91. Mt. Carmel	William A. Rich	Mrs. Robt. L. Pearce, R1, Franklinton	Clifton Blackley, R1, Franklinton	126	5	5	1	3	128	8	66	----	----	203
92. Mt. Gilead	William A. Rich	Mrs. Walter Pleasant, R2, Louisburg	William Wester, R2, Louisburg	165	2	7	----	16	156	8	----	----	----	332
93. Mt. Hermon	E. M. Carter	T. E. Powell, R1, Garner	T. E. Powell, R1, Garner	120	3	4	----	12	112	10	89	----	----	200
94. New Elam	R. T. Grissom	Miss Blanche Holt, R1, New Hill	Earl Gardner, R1, New Hill	276	----	----	----	11	265	7	90	----	----	460
95. New Hope	R. E. Tally	Mrs. J. C. Hoyle, R1, Louisburg	Odell Arnold, R1, Louisburg	195	10	21	----	3	213	14	166	25	----	477
96. Niagara	E. Carl Brady	Mrs. Irene Tener, Box 38, Niagara	Arthur Lener, Box 38, Niagara	39	2	9	----	8	40	6	52	----	----	95
97. Oak Level	E. M. Powell	J. W. Hudson, R1, Youngsville	J. E. Preddy, Youngsville	134	----	1	1	8	127	7	89	----	----	279
98. O'Kelly's Chapel	Inactive			22	----	----	----	----	22	----	----	----	----	71
99. Piney Plain	George M. Tally	Miss Betsy Hamilton, R4, Raleigh	R. L. Horton, R4, Raleigh	90	18	23	----	2	111	12	110	----	----	200
100. Pleasant Hill	George M. Tally	D. O. Neighbors, Benson	Z. B. Byrd, Benson	46	----	5	1	3	48	6	35	----	----	134
101. Pleasant Union	No Report			*139	----	----	----	----	139	----	----	----	----	373
102. Plymouth		Miss Patricia King, R3, Raleigh	W. B. Rowland, R3, Raleigh	107	12	15	1	17	105	18	131	----	----	297
103. Pope's Chapel	E. M. Powell	Miss Ethel Holmes, R1, Franklinton	Henry F. Holmes, Franklinton	100	3	5	1	4	101	7	59	----	----	233
104. Raleigh, "United"		Miss Susie Allen, Raleigh	Richard King, Raleigh	208	8	18	1	13	213	18	94	18	25	948
105. Sanford	W. B. O'Neill	Mrs. R. M. Cline, Box 133, Sanford	R. C. Pigford, R1, Sanford	238	4	17	2	2	253	21	200	14	----	975
106. Shallow Well	G. Julius Rice	Mrs. Jack Campbell, R7, Sanford	Graydon Spivey, R7, Sanford	302	----	1	1	33	270	14	248	25	25	686
107. Six Forks	Inactive			*23	----	----	----	----	23	----	----	----	----	65
108. Southern Pines		Mrs. Veta E. Gorman, So. Pines	Thomas Shockley, So. Pines	341	4	15	3	137	219	14	122	25	----	1,081
109. Turner's Chapel	G. Julius Rice	Mrs. C. C. Spivey, Colon	L. C. Wicker, R4, Sanford	125	4	8	----	5	128	10	161	----	----	376
110. Wake Chapel	Fred P. Register	Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Fuquay Springs	Rex G. Powell, Fuquay Springs	349	8	18	1	20	347	22	245	40	----	1,966
111. Wentworth	W. C. Farrell			132	7	22	----	5	149	----	----	----	----	244
112. Youngsville	E. M. Carter	W. G. Scarborough, Youngsville	Mrs. E. M. Carter, Youngsville	48	----	1	1	1	48	7	40	----	5	170
Totals				6,720	191	434	36	498	6,656	459	4,260	339	260	$ 17,690

*Figures last available report

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 6 — FINANCE—

NAME OF CHURCH	Conv. Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Minis. Schol.	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Natl. H. M. & Minis. Relief	Foreign & R. R. Missions	Total Paid on Appt.	C. M. A.
Amelia	$ 33	$ 22	$ 22	$ 7	$ 52	$ 10	$ 4	$ 3	$ 31	$ 19	$ 46	$ 249	$---
Antioch	13	17	17	7	36	10	4	2	------	11	11	128	----
Auburn	100	270	------	------	------	------	------	------	39	32	100	541	10
Bethel	------	137	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	10	147	----
Bethlehem	9	6	6	3	33	8	2	2	15	8	9	101	----
Beulah	22	51	18	7	52	29	2	3	52	19	21	276	----
Catawba Springs	------	227	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	227	----
Chapel Hill	80	34	34	11	69	5	6	5	23	26	117	410	----
Christian Chapel	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	32	------	------	32	15
Christian Light	34	58	------	------	------	------	6	------	40	30	32	200	----
Clayton	27	33	33	11	61	13	8	------	13	24	25	248	----
Damascus	26	29	29	9	61	9	2	4	18	23	25	235	----
Ebenezer	------	170	------	------	------	------	------	------	55	------	------	225	----
Fayetteville	25	61	25	15	52	3	3	5	10	28	18	245	----
Fuller's Chapel	36	43	33	9	69	12	5	4	30	24	36	301	15
Good Hope	22	18	18	7	42	10	3	3	20	16	20	179	----
Hayes Chapel	14	15	------	------	50	6	------	------	16	10	7	118	----
Henderson	64	290	94	20	100	25	9	10	61	65	62	800	35
Hope Mills	24	28	28	9	42	4	2	3	12	21	24	197	----
Lebanon	15	18	18	5	38	4	2	2	14	13	14	143	----
Lee's Chapel	15	19	19	5	38	6	3	3	26	13	14	161	----
Liberty Vance	142	455	216	45	232	36	20	23	------	114	161	1,444	10
Martha's Chapel	16	15	12	7	38	8	2	2	------	15	14	129	----
Moore Union	23	161	12	9	48	10	4	4	23	20	21	335	----
Morrisville	66	114	31	9	31	5	5	3	16	11	37	328	----
Mt. Auburn	62	238	112	30	107	10	8	9	36	54	54	720	10
Mt. Carmel	22	21	21	7	48	10	3	3	23	19	21	198	----
Mt. Gilead	41	72	34	14	82	18	6	5	36	36	40	384	----
Mt. Herman	22	34	34	7	42	8	2	3	22	16	21	211	----
New Elam	61	207	20	------	107	8	4	3	42	15	61	528	----
New Hope	28	66	30	11	61	23	5	4	------	25	27	280	----
Niagara	10	10	10	4	25	3	7	2	19	9	9	108	----
Oak Level	28	38	31	11	61	10	5	4	29	25	27	269	----
O'Kelly's Chapel	------	7	------	------	------	------	------	------	7	------	------	14	----
Piney Plain	41	52	52	14	88	8	6	6	------	36	40	343	----
Pleasant Hill	14	80	25	3	48	9	4	4	------	10	13	210	----
Pleasant Union	------	270	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	270	----
Plymouth	23	59	39	9	48	14	4	4	24	20	21	265	----
Pope's Chapel	9	30	19	2	25	2	2	2	24	5	9	129	----
Raleigh	------	------	------	23	17	32	------	------	58	100	100	330	----
Sanford	60	82	82	14	92	21	7	9	47	39	60	513	15
Shallow Well	41	82	54	14	84	18	6	7	49	36	40	431	----
Six Forks	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	----
Southern Pines	45	63	63	14	71	21	8	10	------	39	45	379	----
Turner's Chapel	34	84	42	9	48	8	5	5	24	20	32	311	----
Wake Chapel	153	2,234	220	21	149	24	16	19	68	71	157	3,132	15
Wentworth	------	185	------	------	------	------	------	------	16	14	------	215	----
Youngsville	17	15	15	9	40	5	3	4	12	15	14	149	----
Totals	$1,517	$6,220	$1,568	$ 411	$2,387	$465	$193	$184	$1,082	$1,146	$1,615	$ 16,788	$125

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Bldg. Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Women's Conf.	Total Raised for Missions & Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Paid for Current Expenses	Total Paid for New Building	Total Paid for Improvements	Total Pd. on Indebtness	Total Paid for Local Expenses	Grand Total Paid for All Purposes	*If Church has parsonage Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Property
$	$ 135	$ 15	$ 74	$ 31	$ 504	$ 928	$ 2,240	$ 3,758	$ 151	$	$ 6,149	$ 6,653	$ 9,407	$
	34	3			165	350	450				450	615	4,000	
				20	571	500	914		1,471		2,385	2,956	5,600	
					147							147	2,500	
	22	6			129	290	410		530		940	1,069	3,000	
	42	40	30	24	412	1,500	2,065				2,065	2,477	15,000	
					227							227	20,000	
118			406	120	1,054	3,855	6,350		645	429	7,424	8,478	* 50,000	
					47	200	458		175		633	680	4,000	
			150		350	800	1,300				1,300	1,650	20,000	
					248	1,560	2,300				2,300	2,548	15,000	
				35	270	600	804				804	1,074	7,000	
			365		590	700	1,339		707		2,046	2,626	40,000	
	100	12	28	27	412	3,165	5,806	5,000	1,870		12,676	13,088	75,000	9,000
		10	192	65	583	500	1,051		172		1,223	1,806	12,000	
					179	300	400		160		560	739	4,000	
			80		198	400	763				763	961	5,000	
325	400		27	229	1,816	3,000	6,649		1,262		7,911	9,727	* 44,000	
	195				392	600	950		950		1,900	2,292	3,800	
					143	150	203				203	346	2,500	
40	166				367	499	667	3,500			4,167	4,534	6,500	1,800
				252	1,706	3,000	5,100		3,500		8,600	10,306	* 60,000	1,500
					129	110	218				218	347	3,000	
				10	345	300	300		900		1,200	1,545	5,000	
22		9		5	364	360	676				676	1,040	4,000	
150		32		124	1,036	906	1,244				1,244	2,280	10,000	
	34				232	365	457				457	689	3,000	
	63				447	750	970				970	1,417	10,000	
					211	300	462	373			835	1,046	8,000	
					528	700	986	3,000			3,986	4,514	10,000	
		22	81	76	459	1,375	2,362		765	530	3,657	4,116	* 26,000	562
		18	18		144	240	325		29		354	498	5,000	
			235	40	544	600	700	1,000	600		2,370	2,914	15,000	
					14							14	3,500	
					343	310	537		1,283		1,820	2,163	7,000	
					210	212	272				272	482	2,000	
					270							270	3,500	
	100			29	394	820	1,480				1,480	1,874	6,000	
					129	400	443				443	572	6,000	900
			110	248	688	3,807	8,854	2,482	975		12,311	12,999	* 135,500	
238		31	150	214	1,161	3,600	9,861		350	6,609	16,820	17,981	* 108,000	5,300
			153	172	756	1,500	2,922	580	1,399		4,901	5,657	* 40,000	
													2,000	
53	360	8		105	905	4,560	8,395	27,000	9,000	1,059	45,454	46,359	* 245,000	40,000
			156	94	561	1,500	1,957	138			2,095	2,656	20,000	
290			100	242	3,779	3,600	6,036	16,719	300		23,055	26,834	* 75,000	3,600
			410		625	600	930	1,853			2,783	3,408	6,000	
15	35	15	66	50	330	475	747				747	1,077	9,500	
$ 1,251	$1,686	$221	$2,831	$2,212	$25,114	$50,287	$ 91,423	$ 65,403	$ 27,194	$8,627	$192,647	$217,761	$1,178,307	$ 62,662

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 7 — OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP — WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY AND ADDRESS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Membership in Y. P. Soc., Classes, & Organizations	Church Building Loan Fund Quota
113. Albemarle	S. E. Madren	Ardelle Simmons, 109 East St.	Dolan Talbert, 511 Watts St.	272	5	12	----	9	275	18	199	17	$ 885
114. Antioch (C)	Lunnie Burgess	Mrs. Virginia Rives, R2, Bear Creek	Carvel Hough, Goldston	129	----	----	1	1	128	7	77	----	198
115. Antioch (R)	Winfred Bray (Lic)	Mrs. L. W. Hayes, R1, Seagrove	Floyd Caviness, R1, Seagrove	110	2	2	----	1	111	8	136	23	211
116. Asheboro	F. C. Lester	Mrs. Orva Brown, 967 Straight St.	W. H. Hughes, Jr., 1013 Sunset Dr.	152	12	21	3	10	163	43	241	15	775
117. Bailey's Grove	Avery Brown (Lic)	Mrs. Pearl Allred, Asheboro	Mrs. Felsie Underwood, Randleman	26	1	1	----	----	27	6	66	----	88
118. Bennett	John Q. Pugh	Mrs. Vellie Bray, Bennett	L. M. Murray, Bennett	30	----	2	----	1	31	7	37	----	69
119. Big Oak	John T. Bowers	----	----	58	----	----	----	----	58	5	65	----	208
120. Biscoe	B. H. Lowdermilk	----	----	21	----	----	----	----	21	----	----	----	62
121. Brown's Chapel	H. V. Cox	Mrs. Mary Britt, R1, Star	R. E. Brewer, R2, Robbins	203	4	4	2	9	198	9	121	----	357
122. Center Grove	Inactive	----	----	8	----	----	----	----	8	----	----	----	46
123. Ether	R. L. Clapp	Mrs. W. H. Freeman, Ether	Homer J. Cochrane, Ether	79	----	----	1	2	77	6	57	----	236
124. Flint Hill (M)	B. H. Lowdermilk	Tommy Bailey, R. 1, Biscoe	Benton Britt, R. 1, Biscoe	64	7	7	----	4	67	5	59	15	127
125. Flint Hill (R)	Avery Brown (Lic)	Miss Lola Farlow, R. 1, Sophia	Harvey Lanier, R. 1, Sophia	40	10	10	2	2	48	5	40	----	127
126. Glendon	Inactive	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	40
127. Grace's Chapel	Bill Simmons (Lic)	Bluford Cole, R. 1, Sanford	Wade Turner, R. 1, Sanford	175	9	13	4	6	182	11	221	20	436
128. Hank's Chapel	Raymond T. Grissom	Mrs. Glenn White, Pittsboro	Ralph Riddle, Box 86, Pittsboro	237	4	16	2	8	245	20	200	30	694
129. High Point	G. H. Veazey	Mrs. Cicero Crump, 300 Ridgecrest Dr.	D. J. Cates, 316 Phillips St.	80	----	----	----	12	68	11	136	----	426
130. Liberty	L. M. Presnell	Mrs. Jack Shoffner, Box 394, Liberty	Jack P. Shoffner, Box 394, Liberty	100	2	3	----	25	78	7	113	10	361
131. Mt. Pleasant	G. M. Tally	L. D. Brooks, R. 2, Vass	E. M. Marks, R. 2, Cameron	85	1	4	----	----	89	9	----	22	187
132. Needham's Grove	Martin L. Fogleman	Mrs. Mittie Williamson, R. 1, Ether	Willie H. Comer, R. 1, Ether	155	1	4	----	3	156	----	----	----	335
133. New Center	H. V. Cox	Mrs. A. L. Davis, Seagrove	E. L. Beck, Seagrove	55	2	3	----	1	57	6	76	----	182
134. Park's Cross Road	Inactive	----	----	212	----	----	----	----	212	----	----	----	444
135. Patterson's Grove	Inactive	----	----	23	----	----	----	----	23	----	----	----	48
136. Pleasant Cross	Martin L. Fogleman	Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Jr., R. 1, Asheboro	J. W. Wilson, Jr., R. 1, Asheboro	64	----	----	----	----	64	7	88	30	187
137. Pleasant Grove	Bill Simmons (Lic)	Mrs. Geneva Jones, R. 1, Bennett	G. P. Bray, R. 1, Bennett	356	23	27	6	121	262	11	241	50	578

138. Pleasant Hill	M. A. Pollard	Miss Nathalia Teague, Liberty	Rayborn Hinshaw, R. 2, Liberty	266	23	27	3	8	285	11	368	----	1,006
139. Pleasant Ridge	Max Vestal	Mrs. Robert Burgess, Box 18, Ramseur	H. V. Cox, Jr., Box 224, Ramseur	185	8	9	3	10	184	23	160	14	591
140. Pleasant Union	B. H. Lowdermilk	Mrs. I. L. McDowell, R. 2, Asheboro	Lewis Trotter, R. 3, Asheboro	42	2	3	----	----	45	8	130	32	295
141. Providence Chapel	J. U. Fogleman	H. B. J. Moore, R. 2, Robbins	C. B. Brewer, R. 2, Robbins	11	----	----	----	----	11	8	85	----	97
142. Ramseur	Gene Thomas (Stu.)	Elvin C. Cox, Box 56, Ramseur	Roy Smith, R. 1, Asheboro	113	5	8	1	1	120	10	151	----	383
143. Randleman	Winfred Bray (Lic)	W. G. Lamb, Box 95, Randleman	Vance Dorsett, R. 1, Randleman	52	12	13	2	2	63	8	118	----	215
144. Seagrove	R. L. Clapp	Mrs. Shelton Graves, Seagrove	Robert Hultman, Asheboro	98	3	9	1	2	105	----	----	----	326
145. Shady Grove	R. L. Clapp	Mrs. W. T. Shankle, Troy	J. S. Russell, Troy	90	----	2	----	1	91	6	66	25	197
146. Shiloh	R. T. Grissom	Mrs. N. L. Rumley, R. 1, Seagrove	N. L. Rumley, R. 1, Seagrove	103	----	1	2	5	99	8	85	----	223
147. Smithwood	John T. Bowers	Thomas B. Lowe, R. 1, Liberty	Edward Smith, R. 1, Liberty	129	----	3	1	2	130	10	177	----	335
148. Sophia	Avery Brown (Lic)	Miss Eva Lee Wall, Sophia	Troy Hall, Sophia	69	9	9	----	3	75	10	101	----	260
149. Spoon's Chapel	Max Vestal	Mrs. Ottis Johnston, R. 1, Asheboro	C. F. Saunders, Asheboro	38	3	5	1	1	42	11	65	----	132
150. Union Grove	Winfred Bray (Lic)	R. Wade Brown, R. 2, Randleman	Edward F. Cagle, R. 1, Ramseur	106	3	4	----	1	109	22	145	----	246
151. Zion	W. C. Farrell	Phil Thompson, R. 5, Sanford	Julian W. Causey, R. 5, Sanford	161	4	5	2	4	162	10	138	----	395
Totals				4,197	155	227	37	255	4,169	346	3,962	303	$ 11,476

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 8 — FINANCE—

NAME OF CHURCH	Conv. Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Minis. Schol.	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Natl. H. M. & Minis. Relief	Foreign & R. R. Missions	Total Paid on Appt.	C. M. A.
Albemarle	$ 70	$ 75	$ 75	$ 20	$ 95	$ 30	$ 5	$ 10	$ 65	$ 60	$ 100	$ 605	$---
Antioch (C)	20	33	----	----	40	----	----	----	20	15	----	128	----
Antioch (R)	20	10	10	10	20	10	5	5	----	15	25	130	----
Asheboro	100	75	50	20	50	15	5	10	100	60	159	644	----
Bailey's Grove	15	15	15	10	20	5	5	5	25	10	15	140	----
Bennett	15	15	15	10	20	5	5	5	25	10	15	140	----
Big Oak	23	27	20	10	30	5	3	3	15	18	25	179	----
Biscoe	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Brown's Chapel	30	67	19	10	25	20	5	5	15	15	30	241	----
Center Grove	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Ether	35	50	30	10	60	10	5	5	40	30	45	320	----
Flint Hill (M)	20	20	4	10	----	----	4	----	----	----	10	68	----
Flint Hill (R)	25	20	20	10	30	5	5	5	30	20	25	195	----
Glendon	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Grace's Chapel	7	120	----	----	----	----	5	----	----	----	60	192	----
Hank's Chapel	100	119	60	20	60	20	5	10	60	65	120	639	----
High Point	30	40	30	10	50	10	5	5	40	25	40	285	----
Liberty	35	76	35	10	50	10	5	10	40	30	50	351	----
Mt. Pleasant	21	56	21	8	37	4	4	8	12	16	25	212	----
Needham's Grove	30	20	20	10	50	15	5	10	--	25	35	220	----
New Center	5	20	----	2	5	----	----	----	5	3	3	43	----
Park's Cross Roads	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Patterson's Grove	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----
Pleasant Cross	20	101	20	10	40	5	5	10	35	20	25	291	----
Pleasant Grove	45	35	35	10	50	35	5	10	55	35	50	365	----
Pleasant Hill	95	492	75	35	100	30	5	10	90	85	125	1,142	----
Pleasant Ridge	85	98	65	20	95	25	5	10	80	70	120	673	----
Pleasant Union	20	228	20	10	40	5	5	10	40	20	25	423	----
Providence Chapel	7	6	5	2	10	1	1	1	----	5	10	48	----
Ramseur	70	60	60	20	65	15	5	10	----	60	100	465	----
Randleman	----	35	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	35	----
Seagrove	35	40	40	20	65	10	5	10	50	30	40	345	----
Shady Grove	28	20	27	5	30	10	5	5	25	15	33	203	----
Shiloh	----	107	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	107	----
Smithwood	36	103	----	----	----	----	----	----	45	25	50	259	----
Sophia	20	22	20	20	45	10	5	10	45	15	25	237	----
Spoon's Chapel	20	40	20	10	30	5	5	5	35	15	25	210	----
Union Grove	20	27	20	10	40	10	5	5	50	15	25	227	----
Zion	20	492	20	10	40	15	5	5	----	15	50	672	----
Misc. collections—Church undesignated	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	114
Totals	$1,122	$2,764	$ 851	$ 362	$1,292	$ 340	$ 137	$ 197	$1,042	$ 842	$1,485	$ 10,434	$114

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Bldg. Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conf.	Total Raised for Missions & Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Paid for Current Expenses	Total Paid for New Building	Total Paid for Improvements	Total Paid on Indebtness	Total Paid for Local Expenses	Grand Total Paid for all Purposes	*If Church has parsonage Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Property
$---	$---	$ 35	$ 252	$ 117	$ 1,009	$ 2,588	$ 5,480	$ 20,275	$ 715	$ 1,155	$ 27,625	$ 28,634	$*46,000	$ 2,922
---	---	---	35	---	163	346	431	2,153	---	---	2,584	2,747	5,000	---
---	---	8	---	---	138	666	812	105	950	---	1,867	2,005	22,000	---
164	---	12	152	246	1,218	2,072	5,826	200	334	5,020	11,380	12,598	* 70,000	7,500
---	---	6	23	---	169	670	764	---	---	---	764	933	3,000	---
---	---	10	---	---	150	170	241	---	---	---	241	391	2,500	---
---	---	---	---	---	179	585	1,544	---	---	---	1,544	1,723	5,000	---
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---	---	---	---	---	241	539	1,662	---	---	---	1,662	1,903	4,500	---
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---	---	15	200	---	535	680	1,115	---	---	---	1,115	1,650	3,000	---
---	---	---	---	---	68	149	335	---	---	200	535	603	1,500	---
---	21	---	97	24	337	240	325	---	450	---	775	1,112	11,600	---
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---	---	3	247	---	442	800	1,433	---	---	---	1,433	1,875	8,000	---
239	---	---	756	191	1,825	1,800	3,051	5,669	---	---	8,720	10,545	* 40,000	3,000
---	---	42	---	60	387	2,442	3,193	1,119	---	---	4,312	4,699	* 20,000	---
75	---	---	234	40	700	1,210	1,637	88	---	559	2,284	2,984	* 15,000	---
---	---	21	32	10	275	373	554	26	20	---	600	875	3,000	---
---	---	---	---	---	220	977	977	---	---	---	977	1,197	6,000	---
---	---	---	---	---	43	400	820	---	---	---	820	863	2,000	---
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---	---	---	129	---	420	339	632	488	---	---	1,120	1,540	5,000	---
---	---	10	204	28	607	1,000	1,826	---	---	---	1,826	2,433	* 22,000	---
---	---	---	222	77	1,441	2,250	3,618	---	---	---	3,618	5,059	* 40,000	---
---	---	---	334	107	1,114	1,400	2,396	---	1,176	900	4,472	5,586	52,000	1,800
---	50	---	59	---	532	1,300	1,781	---	---	---	1,781	2,313	2,500	---
13	---	---	111	---	172	438	553	---	154	---	707	879	2,500	---
---	---	---	296	67	828	750	2,656	1,000	1,225	---	4,881	5,709	10,000	---
---	---	---	---	---	35	1,200	1,406	600	2,000	300	4,306	4,341	* 35,000	5,000
---	---	---	156	---	501	1,300	1,653	120	800	---	2,573	3,074	* 20,000	---
---	---	---	---	---	203	805	834	---	---	---	834	1,037	5,000	---
---	---	---	---	---	107	520	845	1,594	30	---	2,469	2,576	40,000	---
---	---	---	---	10	269	1,023	1,343	2,000	---	---	3,343	3,612	8,000	---
---	---	---	75	---	312	1,207	1,636	---	604	---	2,240	2,552	* 13,000	---
---	44	---	25	40	319	500	659	---	---	---	659	978	4,000	---
---	---	---	---	30	257	1,000	1,764	1,625	---	---	3,389	3,646	15,000	---
---	---	---	540	---	1,212	720	1,161	---	2,025	---	3,186	4,398	12,000	---
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$ 491	$115	$ 162	$4,179	$1,047	$ 16,542	$ 32,459	$ 54,963	$ 37,052	$ 10,483	$ 8,134	$110,642	$127,184	$573,500	$ 20,222

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 9 — OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP — NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CHURCH SECRETARY AND ADDRESS	S. S. SUPERINTENDENT AND ADDRESS	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Membership in Y. P. Soc., Classes, & Organizations	Church Building Loan Fund Quota
152. Apple's Chapel	J. R. Lackey	Mrs. R. E. Apple, Whitsett	Roy D. Kernodle, Greensboro	472	19	30	6	19	483	17	349	50	$ 1,563
153. Asheville	F. E. Ratzell	Mrs. Lawence Merchant, Asheville	Mrs. Austin Zimmer, Asheville	100	1	29	3	6	123	9	82	11	742
154. Belew Creek		Mrs. H. C. Murray, Belew Creek	F. D. Dunlap, Walnut Cove	95	1	1	1	7	89	16	113	12	465
155. Berea	H. L. Johnson (Lic)	Mrs. G. H. Pritchett, R. 1, Elon College	Allen Bell, Altamahaw	115	1	4	2	4	115	8	102	9	570
156. Bethel	Thomas D. Sutton	Mrs. T. P. Miles, R. 3, Burlington	Mrs. E. Stanfield, Burlington	142	6	11	2	4	149	7	92	----	575
157. Bethlehem	G. C. Crutchfield	Clyde Iseley, R. 4, Burlington	Thomas Broun, R. 2, Elon College	372	10	15	8	14	373	18	324	----	1,442
158. Burlington Bev. Hills	W. W. Snyder	Mrs. Frances B. Buckner, Burlington	T. A. Vincent, Rt. 1, Burlington	58	17	47	----	3	102	14	145	15	464
159. Burlington, First	Henry E. Robinson	R. W. Morton, Jr., 415 Country Club Dr.	H. Freeman, 1013 Tarleton Ave., Burl.	864	6	19	6	31	852	46	618	100	6,390
160. Burlington Lakeview	Curtis Young (Stu.)	Miss S. A. Cobb, R. 2, Burlington	J. A. Rascoe, R. 2, Burlington	21	6	13	----	----	34	8	109	41	75
161. Carolina	B. A. Leebrick	Mrs. J. W. Trollinger, Jr., R. 3, Burl.	J. W. Trollinger, Sr., R. 3, Burlington	90	2	2	----	4	88	10	169	12	520
162. Concord	Thomas D. Sutton	Mrs. W. R. Simmons, R. 2, Elon College	Mrs. H. P. Terrell, R. 1, Elon College	113	12	12	----	2	123	8	68	25	460
163. Danville, (Va.)		Miss P. R. Blanks, 158 3rd Ave., Danville	C. Willis, Norwood Dr., Danville, Va.	891	15	178	7	21	1,048	55	980	80	2,840
164. Durham, First	Stanley C. Harrell	J. O. Kimrey, 807 W. Club Blvd. Durham	C. C. Mulholland, Jr., 110 E. Maynard	400	5	9	5	17	392	23	218	42	3,357
165. Elk Spur		Miss June Guynn, Fancey Gap, Va.	Loman Ayers, Fancy Gap, Va.	76	----	----	4	15	61	7	85	----	202
166. Elon College, Com.	H. P. Bozarth	Mrs. J. E. Danieley, Elon College	J. B. Long, Elon College	294	12	28	----	13	309	20	200	45	2,450
167. Gibsonville	J. Lester Stanley	Mrs. S. J. Payne, R. 1, McLeansville	H. O. Wyrick, Gibsonville	214	1	4	----	4	214	9	190	----	1,020
168. Graham Prov.-Mem.	F. E. Reynolds	Mrs. W. H. Holt, 403 N. Main, Graham	Willard White, N. Main, Burlington	90	8	18	2	2	106	10	140	----	495
169. Greensboro, Calvary	T. F. Bowers	Mrs. Minerva Parks, 353 W. Lee St.	Clinton Upchurch, 920 Neal St.	165	6	6	----	22	149	10	110	30	688
170. Greensboro, First	W. E. Wisseman	Mrs. Donavan Darnell, 536 Overlook, Dr.	W. M. Squires, 1508 DeSoto Place	506	19	56	1	45	517	30	405	50	3,292
171. Greensboro, Palm St.	Mack V. Welch	Mrs. P. R. Hall, 3710 High Point Rd.	Robert Bennett, 202 Macy St.	208	6	14	----	----	222	17	200	40	1,243
172. Happy Home	T. F. Bowers	Miss Clarice Gunn, R. 3, Reidsville	Leonard Powell, R. 2, Ruffin	319	2	2	1	16	305	9	102	25	1,320
173. Haw River	D. O. Jackson	Mrs. E. N. Byrd, Box 123, Haw River	Harold Terrell, 912 King St., Burlington	155	5	9	1	6	158	9	131	----	1,065
174. Hebron	Mark W. Andes	Kent Rice, Nelson, Va.	Carl Chandler, Nelson, Va.	89	1	2	2	2	89	6	68	----	359
175. Hendersonville	C. M. Heymann	H. G. Neighbors, 317 Fifth Ave., West		New	14	40	----	----	40	----	----	----	160
176. Hines Chapel	John Littiken (Stu.)	Mrs. B. S. Carter, McLeansville	E. W. Kellam, R. 1, McLeansville	148	3	10	3	6	152	13	167	20	697

177. Hopedale	J. Harold Lowman	Miss J. Hicks, R. 1, Box 315, Gibsonville	J. Carl Lee, R. 2, Burlington	134	7	27	1	3	158	14	270	43	603
178. Howard's Chapel	J. Harold Lowman	Mrs. Ruby Jones, R. 4, Reidsville	Robert Moore, R. 2, Madison	29	8	13	----	----	42	3	53	----	391
179. Ingram	W. T. Madren	E. M. Walton, South Boston, Va.	Bennie Whitelow, Paces, Va.	187	6	6	2	12	181	9	93	----	975
180. Kallam Grove	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. R. McCollum, R2, Box 110, Madison	I. A. Washburn, R. 1, Summerfield	81	----	----	----	1	80	7	65	----	344
181. Lebanon	----------	T. J. Earp, R.F.D., Milton	R. S. Taylor, Semora	139	5	12	----	6	145	9	69	30	525
182. Liberty	W. T. Madren	C. S. Wilkins, Lennig, Va.	C. S. Wilkins, Lennig, Va.	228	3	6	1	5	229	12	120	30	635
183. Long's Chapel	----------	Roy Barnett, R. 4, Mebane	H. L. Foster, R. 4, Mebane	128	6	7	1	1	134	9	132	----	681
184. Mebane	R.C.Mason, Jr.(Stu.)	Miss Lillie D. Fowler, 303 E. Center St.	Wayne Moore, Mebane	19	2	4	----	6	17	5	35	----	156
185. Monticello	J. Littiken (Student)	Mrs. Jennings Kernodle, Brown Summit	Garland Gerringer, Brown Summit	110	3	10	----	----	120	7	112	20	460
186. Mt. Bethel	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. S. E. Albert, R. 2, Stokesdale	Martin Barham, R. 2, Stokesdale	78	5	7	----	----	85	8	100	25	414
187. Mt. Zion	T. D. Sutton	Miss L. Sharpe, Box 93, R2, Cedar Grove	Miss L. Florence, R. 5, Burlington	156	7	13	1	6	163	7	60	20	631
188. New Lebanon	C. Fred Allred	Mrs. J. I. Sharpe, R. 4, Reidsville	J. I. Sharpe, R. 4, Reidsville	199	9	10	1	12	197	10	200	----	825
189. Pfafftown	W. J. Andes	Mrs. C. A. Gross, Pfafftown	James Cohn, Pfafftown	47	3	8	----	----	55	7	50	----	258
190. Pleasant Grove	W. T. Madren	Nannie Baker Farmer, Vernon Hill, Va.	Calvin L. Blackstock, Vernon Hill, Va.	248	16	26	5	26	248	18	152	----	814
191. Pleasant Ridge	W. E. Wisseman	Hugh B. Nelson, Box 2603, Greensboro	J. W. Pegram, R. 2, Summerfield	59	----	----	----	1	58	16	74	----	364
192. Reidsville	T. G. Humphries	Mrs. E. H. Abell, 717 Lawsonville Ave.	G. H. McKinney, 807 Lawsonville Ave.	690	13	35	2	6	719	40	506	35	3,221
193. Rocky Ford	----------	Mrs. Ruby King, Cana, Va.	Clarence Edwards, Cana, Va.	75	----	----	----	2	73	4	60	----	202
194. Salem Chapel	----------	Miss Selma Marshall, Walnut Cove	Abe J. Gerrey, Walnut Cove	119	----	----	1	4	115	----	----	----	414
195. Shallow Ford	R. M. Petersen	Mrs. Kate Selden, R. 2, Elon College	Boyd Tickle, R. 1, Elon College	249	3	8	2	16	241	9	205	----	1,057
196. Tryon	Orville H. White	Miss Eunice C. Kirtland, Tryon	John Toren Brown, Tryon	294	7	12	2	5	301	13	138	----	2,014
197. Union, (N. C.)	K. D. Register	Mrs. F. Chandler, 329 Carden St., Burl.	P. N. Thompson, Jr., R. 3, Burlington	328	15	22	5	22	328	36	276	40	1,395
198. Union, (Va.)	Mark W. Andes	R. H. Dunkley, R. 1, Virgilina, Va.	S. Reams Long, Virgilina, Va.	487	10	14	2	3	498	10	164	32	1,498
199. Winston-Salem	W. J. Andes	E. M. Whitman, 1023 S. Hawthorne Rd.	W. L. Padgett, 1234 E. 24th St.	114	2	12	3	6	120	12	102	15	814
200. Zion	F. H. Wrenn (Lic)	Mrs. L. Wilburn, 323 Casual, Burlington	Marvin C. Pickard, R. 4, Burlington	16	14	20	----	----	36	6	113	----	66
Totals	----------	----------	----------	10,211	322	831	83	406	10,636	650	8,316	897	$ 50,552

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 10 — FINANCE—

NAME OF CHURCH	Conv. Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Minis. Schol.	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Natl. H. M. & Minis. Relief	Foreign Missions & R. & R.	Total Paid on Appt.	C. M. A.
Apple's Chapel	$ 121	$ 136	$ 135	$ 44	$ 251	$ 44	$ 10	$ 23	$ 84	$ 106	$ 100	$ 1,054	$ 25
Asheville	26	115	27	8	44	10	10	4	21	23	37	325	----
Belew Creek	50	54	51	18	127	12	8	12	27	44	31	434	----
Berea	53	54	46	19	64	13	8	7	29	39	39	371	15
Bethel	50	201	50	10	40	10	5	------	37	13	50	466	----
Bethlehem	121	134	141	41	238	35	12	21	25	106	100	974	10
Burlington Bev. Hills	17	89	41	5	31	4	3	4	7	10	16	227	15
" First	452	2,578	607	156	763	83	------	77	339	438	578	6,071	45
" Lakeview	14	39	31	7	17	3	4	4	------	12	5	136	----
Carolina	32	24	27	14	111	8	7	6	23	28	14	294	15
Concord	49	55	55	22	111	12	8	7	31	43	36	429	20
Danville	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	----
Durham	491	460	534	125	725	45	38	79	201	421	454	3,573	15
Elk Spur	16	12	11	7	52	3	4	2	------	14	7	128	----
Elon College	326	357	427	97	566	45	27	49	97	287	311	2,589	25
Gibsonville	81	54	61	20	95	19	2	3	16	15	92	458	25
Graham Prov. Mem.	27	25	23	14	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	89	----
Greensboro Calvary	12	90	5	1	6	1	1	1	------	5	12	134	----
" First	395	725	568	95	750	47	30	53	118	347	2,295	5,423	10
" Palm St.	138	226	115	27	129	27	8	13	40	76	138	937	15
Happy Home	110	157	109	41	198	29	12	20	63	90	63	892	5
Haw River	91	92	107	27	161	17	12	14	38	80	72	711	5
Hebron	46	42	49	14	75	12	8	7	25	41	31	350	----
Hendersonville	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	----
Hines' Chapel	65	143	61	20	107	13	9	14	34	57	60	583	45
Hopedale	46	159	------	------	75	------	------	------	26	32	31	369	----
Howard's Chapel	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	----
Ingram	120	135	149	40	215	19	15	18	53	105	103	972	15
Kallam Grove	34	18	30	14	58	9	7	6	23	30	19	248	----
Lebanon	49	42	55	16	111	14	8	7	64	43	74	483	----
Liberty	49	44	55	19	111	21	8	7	42	43	34	433	5
Long's Chapel	64	56	70	20	127	17	9	10	16	56	48	493	----
Mebane	12	116	21	14	21	3	5	4	22	10	5	233	----
Monticello	35	24	30	15	92	9	7	6	27	31	34	310	----
Mt. Bethel	40	71	43	5	81	5	4	6	18	30	40	343	----
Mt. Zion	49	107	63	22	141	17	8	------	37	50	50	544	----
New Lebanon	84	110	97	27	144	19	12	13	50	74	67	697	----
Pfafftown	24	27	18	14	59	3	6	4	16	21	9	201	15
Pleasant Grove	78	71	79	29	161	27	10	16	51	69	57	648	5
Pleasant Ridge	44	63	35	16	73	5	7	4	23	30	39	339	----
Reidsville	164	1,127	194	34	307	57	19	28	118	144	3,109	5,301	10
Rocky Ford	16	16	11	7	52	3	4	2	16	14	7	148	----
Salem Chapel	------	22	------	15	------	------	------	------	44	------	------	81	----
Shallow Ford	101	162	80	22	186	21	10	12	102	64	235	995	15
Tryon	114	150	147	35	186	21	12	14	52	82	312	1,125	----
Union (N. C.)	84	82	97	35	205	34	20	13	------	74	64	708	40
Union (Va.)	112	111	115	35	186	45	12	18	79	87	95	895	30
Winston-Salem	64	44	43	14	98	13	12	7	35	56	28	414	10
Zion	8	7	5	2	21	3	3	2	7	7	7	72	----
Totals	$4,174	$8,626	$4,718	$1,282	$7,371	$ 857	$ 424	$ 617	$2,176	$3,447	$9,008	$ 42,700	$435

NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Bldg. Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conf.	Total Raised for Missions & Benevolence	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Paid for Current Expenses	Total Paid for New Bldg.	Total Paid for Improvements	Total Paid on Indebtedness	Total Paid for Local Expenses	Grand Total Paid for all Purposes	*If Church has parsonage Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Property
$	$	$ 24	$ 651	$ 197	$ 1,951	$ 3,000	$ 4,480	$ 636	$ 216	$ 4,581	$ 9,913	$ 11,864	$ 49,000	$
			128	80	533	4,200	7,496		454		7,950	8,483	* 42,000	
		10		51	495	1,200	1,476		50		1,526	2,021	* 26,000	
				65	451	1,680	2,322	23	800		3,145	3,596	6,000	
	193			49	708	1,100	1,644	1,155			2,799	3,507	* 37,000	
					984	1,680	5,544	291		1,800	7,635	8,619	100,000	15,000
60		26	18	45	391	3,600	5,787			90	5,877	6,268	* 37,000	
		62	200	1,435	7,813	4,400	23,810			20,213	44,023	51,836	* 445,000	55,000
				40	176	1,200	1,530	2,500	32	1,500	5,563	5,738	7,000	3,500
		23	300	32	664	2,600	3,539		2,000	500	6,039	6,703	* 16,000	4,500
				42	491	840	1,623				1,623	2,114	45,000	
						4,000	13,170				13,170	13,170	* 175,000	
			118	423	4,129	4,500	9,263			3,040	12,303	16,432	170,000	
					128	175	338				338	466	* 5,000	
			150	764	3,528	4,000	8,000			600	8,600	12,128	* 30,000	4,000
				81	564	2,000	3,694			1,453	5,147	5,711	35,000	2,141
				28	117	1,500	3,471				3,471	3,588	35,000	
			660	38	832	1,562	2,543			700	3,243	4,075	50,000	4,200
		79	2,622	777	8,911	4,200	14,902	23,665		20,501	59,068	67,979	* 341,000	72,389
	80	20	571	191	1,814	4,590	5,617	462	63	8,839	14,981	16,795	* 73,000	4,090
			85	115	1,097	2,585	3,653	164	256		4,073	5,170	* 37,000	
	186	34		65	1,001	2,567	7,207			224	7,431	8,432	* 30,000	
		9	30	30	419	450	1,116				1,116	1,535	3,000	
						1,560	2,227	81			2,308	2,308	10,206	2,666
105		20	276	232	1,261	1,400	3,809	125	410		4,344	5,605	* 17,000	
		38		109	516	2,600	3,105	12,000		260	15,365	15,881	45,000	15,500
						523	533				533	533	5,000	
187		12		154	1,340	1,500	2,536				2,536	3,876	* 31,000	
				5	253	600	1,017				1,017	1,270	5,000	
					483	500	683	485		4,717	5,885	6,368	40,000	7,000
			108	22	568	800	1,071				1,071	1,639	6,000	
			56	56	605	2,000	3,695				3,695	4,300	* 13,200	
			50		283	360	528	27	205		760	1,043	5,000	
92	116	9		117	644	1,200	2,562				2,562	3,206	3,000	
			120	45	508	800	1,123	2,000			3,123	3,631	10,000	200
		18		68	630	1,050	1,436	900			2,336	2,966	27,500	
		29	114	86	926	1,260	2,682				2,682	3,608	35,000	
54	22	21	92	45	450	640	1,118				1,118	1,568	5,500	
248	165	51	110	81	1,308	1,336	1,706		506		2,212	3,520	20,000	
	125		69	113	646	600	1,100	658	557		2,315	2,961	20,000	
			225	630	6,166	4,740	14,185		75		14,260	20,426	* 77,000	
					148	190	236				236	384	5,000	
				67	148							148	6,000	
	176	48	786	59	2,079	3,200	5,326	208	173		5,707	7,786	* 29,500	
331	250	142		150	1,998	4,500	10,915			12,000	22,915	24,913	* 110,000	
330			77	195	1,350	3,600	6,104	16,010			22,114	23,464	* 80,000	
400		32	527	115	1,999	2,000	3,455		127	4,283	7,865	9,864	* 40,000	
100	68	5	15	98	710	3,000	5,652		204		5,856	6,566	* 37,500	
	25				97	523	1,170		993		2,163	2,260	10,000	
$ 1,907	$1,406	$712	$8,158	$6,995	$62,313	$91,149	$210,199	$ 61,390	$7,121	$ 85,301	$364,011	$426,324	$2,487,406	$190,177

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 11 — SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCE	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Membership in Y. P. Soc., Classes, and Organizations	Church Building Loan Fund Quota
Virginia Valley	2,626	55	91	23	75	2,642	230	1,520	379	$ 5,736
Eastern Virginia	10,859	315	655	112	728	10,786	746	7,897	821	51,000
Eastern North Carolina	6,720	191	434	36	498	6,656	459	4,260	339	17,690
Western North Carolina	4,197	155	227	37	255	4,169	346	3,962	303	11,476
North Carolina & Virginia	10,211	322	831	83	406	10,636	650	8,316	897	50,552
Totals	34,613	1,038	2,238	291	1,962	34,889	2,431	25,955	2,739	$ 136,454

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 12 — FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONFERENCE	Conv. Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita	Ministerial Scholarship	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Conf. Home Missions	Council of Churches	Natl. H. M. & Minis. Relief	Foreign Missions & R. & R.	Total Paid on Appt.	C. M. A.
Virginia Valley	$ 1,051	$ 1,168	$ 899	$ 280	$ 1,708	$ 220	$ 113	$ 157	$ 1,250	*	*	$ 760	$ 1,114	$ 8,720	$ 284
Eastern Virginia	5,121	8,387	6,127	1,530	7,725	934	496	703	416	$ 1,097	$ 257	4,082	5,526	42,401	3,981
Eastern North Carolina	1,517	6,220	1,568	411	2,387	465	193	184	1,082	*	*	1,146	1,615	16,788	125
Western North Carolina	1,122	2,764	851	362	1,292	340	137	197	1,042	*	*	842	1,485	10,434	114
North Carolina—Virginia	4,174	8,626	4,718	1,282	7,371	857	424	617	2,176	*	*	3,447	9,008	42,700	435
Totals	$ 12,985	$ 27,165	$ 14,163	$ †3,865	$ 20,483	$ 2,816	$ 1,363	$ 1,858	$ 5,966	$ 1,097	$ 257	$ 10,277	$‡18,748	$121,043	$ 4,939

CONFERENCE	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Bldg. Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conf.	Total Raised for Missions & Benevolences	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Paid for Current Expenses	Total Paid for New Building	Total Paid for Improvements	Total Paid on Indebtedness	Total Paid for Local Expenses	Grand Total Paid for all Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness on Property
Virginia Valley	$ 194	$ 394	$ 153	$ 830	$ 915	$ 11,400	$ 14,655	$ 22,805	$ 38,044	$ 11,103	$ 4,361	$ 76,313	$ 87,803	$ 278,700	$ 14,000
Eastern Virginia	5,127	927	717	7,599	9,263	70,015	96,408	239,441	61,909	39,342	26,018	366,710	436,725	3,164,050	169,130
Eastern North Carolina	1,251	1,686	221	2,831	2,212	25,114	50,287	91,423	65,403	27,194	8,627	192,647	217,761	1,178,307	62,662
Western North Carolina	491	115	162	4,179	1,047	16,542	32,459	54,963	37,062	10,483	8,134	110,642	127,184	573,500	20,222
North Carolina—Virginia	1,907	1,406	712	8,158	6,995	62,313	91,149	210,199	61,390	7,121	85,301	364,011	426,324	2,487,406	190,177
	$8,970	$4,528	$1,965	$ 23,597	$ 20,432	$185,474	$284,958	$618,831	$263,808	$ 95,243	$132,441	$1,110,323	$1,295,797	$7,681,963	$456,191

†In addition to apportionment funds, Board of Christian Education received $1836.21 from S. S. Conventions.

‡Include special Foreign Mission projects in addition to apportionment.

*Conferences contribute to Conference fund for Council of Churches and Conference Home Mission.

STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 13 — THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Conv. to Confs.	Appt'd by Confs. to Churches	Amount Paid by Churches
Convention Home Missions	Virginia Valley	$ 1,062	$ 1,062	$ 1,051
	Eastern Virginia	4,623	4,634	5,121
	Eastern North Carolina	1,470	1,504	1,517
	Western North Carolina	1,062	1,315	1,122
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,283	4,294	4,174
	Totals	$ 12,500	$ 12,809	$ 12,985
Christian Orphanage	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 960	$ 1,168
	Eastern Virginia	4,800	4,869	8,387
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,112	6,220
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,140	2,764
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	5,945	8,626
	Totals	$ 15,000	$ 15,026	$ 27,165*
Elon College	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 981	$ 899
	Eastern Virginia	6,000	5,982	6,127
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,112	1,568
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,145	851
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,800	4,840	4,718
	Totals	$ 15,000	$ 15,060	$ 14,163
Christian Education	Virginia Valley	$ 330	$ 330	$ 280
	Eastern Virginia	$ 1,450	$ 1,489	$ 1,530
	Eastern North Carolina	535	551	411
	Western North Carolina	330	485	362
	North Carolina and Virginia	1,355	1,363	1,282
	Totals	$ 4,000	$ 4,218	$ 3,865
Convention Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 1,830	$ 1,830	$ 1,708
	Eastern Virginia	7,890	7,860	7,725
	Eastern North Carolina	3,090	3,138	2,387
	Western North Carolina	2,300	1,720	1,292
	North Carolina and Virginia	7,890	7,935	7,371
	Totals	$ 23,000	$ 22,483	$ 20,483
Per Capita Dues for General Council Approximately 10 cents per Member	Virginia Valley	$ 248	$ 248	$ 220
	Eastern Virginia	1,120	960	934
	Eastern North Carolina	559	603	465
	Western North Carolina	380	480	340
	North Carolina and Virginia	993	997	857
	Totals	$ 3,300	$ 3,288	$ 2,816
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 125	$ 126	$ 113
	Eastern Virginia	500	512	496
	Eastern North Carolina	225	239	193
	Western North Carolina	150	190	137
	North Carolina and Virginia	500	526	424
	Totals	$ 1,500	$ 1,593	$ 1,363
Christian Sun	Virginia Valley	$ 150	$ 150	$ 157
	Eastern Virginia	700	724	703
	Eastern North Carolina	250	255	184
	Western North Carolina	200	275	197
	North Carolina and Virginia	700	711	617
	Totals	$ 2,000	$ 2,115	$ 1,858
Natl. Home Missions and Minis. Relief	Virginia Valley	$ 935	$ 936	$ 760
	Eastern Virginia	4,070	4,075	4,082
	Eastern North Carolina	1,300	1,318	1,146
	Western North Carolina	935	1,070	842
	North Carolina and Virginia	3,760	3,773	3,447
	Totals	$ 11,000	$ 11,172	$ 10,277
Foreign Missions and R. and R.	Virginia Valley	$ 1,072	$ 1,078	$ 1,114
	Eastern Virginia	4,646	4,783	5,526
	Eastern North Carolina	1,429	1,441	1,615
	Western North Carolina	1,072	1,670	1,485
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,281	4,274	9,008
	Totals	$ 12,500	$ 13,246	$ 18,748
Grand Total		$ 99,800	$101,010	$121,043*

*Note: The Sustaining Fund for Elon College amounted to $8,970, making a total of $130,013 for Convention causes excluding Specials for Orphanage not reported. Also does not include Contribution from Woman's Convention.

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SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA
APRIL 27-29, 1954

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TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION
2:00 P. M.

The session was called to order by President Stevens by the singing of the Convention Hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory."

The meeting was constituted by prayer by Dr. I. W. Johnson.

A cordial welcome was extended by the pastor of the host church, Rev. R. E. Brittle.

The President declared a quorum present.

Introduction of new ministers and guests by Superintendent Scott:

Ministers—Rev. George B. Alley, Rev. Thomas H. Britton, Rev. H. L. Carnes, Rev. J. S. Graves, Rev. H. V. Harman, Rev. C. D. Hayes (absent), Dr. C. H. Heymann (absent), Rev. D. O. Jackson (absent), Rev. C. M. Jones, Rev. Olin B. Pendleton, Rev. John W. Rackley, Jr., Dr. Wofford C. Timmons, Rev. H. G. Titcomb.

Guests—Dr. Raymond A. Dudley, Mr. William K. Newman, Dr. Stanley U. North, Dr. D. H. Sandstrom, Dr. S. N. Stevens.

It was voted to extend the privilege of deliberative members to the distinguished guests presented for all sessions.

The Secretary presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee, which was adopted with such changes as may be necessary to expedite the business of the Convention.

The following committees were appointed for the current sessions:

Business Committee—A. Lanson Granger, Jr., chairman; W. E. Wisseman, H. S. Hardcastle, R. E. Newton.

Resolutions Committee—Wm. J. Andes, chairman; Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, W. P. Smith, Fred Register.

Press Committee—R. C. Helfenstein, chairman; J. T. Kernodle, F. C. Lester, George Alley.

Credentials Committee—James H. Lightbourne, Jr., chairman; Clarence A. Phillips, Richard L. Jackson, W. J. Andes, F. C. Lester.

The host pastor introduced Mrs. O. C. Bradshaw as organist for the sessions.

The opening service of worship was conducted by Dr. Wofford C. Timmons, pastor of the Southern Pines Church and chaplain of the Convention sessions.

The following reports were presented in brief form as compiled in the "Blue Book" for consideration, adoption of same being scheduled for a later session:

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Educational Secretary—Miss Pattie Lee Coghill.
Treasurer—George D. Colclough.
Mission Board—Mrs. John G. Truitt.
Board of Christian Education—Rev. Wm. J. Andes.
Board of Publications—Rev. Roy C. Helfenstein, D. D.
Rural Church Committee—Rev. James Lightbourne, Jr.
Stewardship Committee—Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, D. D.
Finance Committee (first reading)—Rev. S. C. Harrell, D. D.

President Stevens then yielded the chair to the Vice-President, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar. The President's address, "The Nature of the Church," was delivered for the edification of all.

An offering for Convention expenses was received.

Hearings were announced at 4:30 for the Finance Committee and the Board of Publications.

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BANQUETS—6:00 P. M.

Simultaneous banquets were held for the women at the Bethlehem Church, and for men at the Suffolk Church. Dr. S. N. Stevens, president of Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, addressed the Laymen's Fellowship on the subject: "Tomorrow's Challenge to Higher Education." Dr. Raymond A. Dudley, India secretary of the American Board, spoke to the Women of the Convention on "Women in India."

Both audiences were up to the capacity of the banquet halls.

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TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

The evening session was led in worship by the chaplain, including special music by the host church choir.

An offering was received for Korean Relief.

Dr. Stanley U. North was the speaker of the evening, giving a stirring address on "The Life and Task of the Church in America."

The Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Timmons and Rev. Mr. Brittle.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by hymn and prayer by Rev. George D. Alley.

The report of the Executive Board was adopted and made part of the Record. Exhibit 1.

It was voted to make the actions of the Executive Board during the 1952-54 biennium the official actions of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Superintendent be adopted and made a part of the record and that the recommendations be referred to the Business Committee. Exhibit 2.

The report of the Educational Secretary was adopted and made a part of the record. Exhibit 3.

On motion it was voted that the Treasurer's report be received and referred to the Finance Committee. Exhibit 4.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Mission Board be made part of the record and that the following recommendation be referred to the Business Committee. Exhibit 5.

> "We recommend that our churches support the CBLF and that the Convention quota of $135,000 be fully subscribed. To that end we request that the Mission Board be permitted to continue to contact the churches not yet having made their Declarations of Purpose."

In accordance with the above vote, the following resolutions presented by the Business Committee (at the afternoon session) were adopted:

Be it Resolved:

1. That we adopt the report of the CBLF Campaign Committee with commendation to the Committee.

2. That the Mission Board be authorized to seek "Declarations of Purpose from churches not yet having made "declarations," and to complete the quota of $135,000.00.

It was especially noted that $14,298.00 was given to the National Home Board for Ministerial Relief and that the beneficiaries of the Southern Convention area received back a total of $18,500.00. An expression of gratitude to our National Board for its generous gifts was extended.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Board of Christian Education be adopted and made a part of the record. The Convention authorized the Board of Christian Education to prepare such a charter as is necessary and to make the charter conform to the present structural organization of the Board. Said charter to be presented to the Executive Board for approval. Change of name of the Board of Religious Education is to be mentioned in the new charter. Exhibit 6.

On motion it was voted to adopt the report of the Board of Publications and to make it a part of the record. Exhibit 7.

On motion it was voted to adopt the report of the Rural Church Committee and make it part of the record. Exhibit 8.

On motion it was voted to adopt the report of the Stewardship Commission and to make it part of the record. Exhibit 9.

Dr. D. H. Sandstrom of Chicago, Ill., presented a most inspiring address on "Stewardship, a Personal Discipline."

It was moved and voted that Rev. Z. P. Jenkins be welcomed as a fraternal delegate from the Convention of the South, and that he be seated as a deliberative delegate. He spoke to bring greetings and stressed the importance of presenting the Gospel to a materialistic civilization.

It was voted to make the report of the Finance Committee the first matter of business in the afternoon session.

The report of the Woman's Missionary Convention was adopted and made a part of the record. Exhibit 10.

The report of the Laymen's Fellowship was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 11.

The report of the Pilgrim Fellowship was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 12.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 13.

The report of the Moonelon Committee was again presented with the recommendation that the Convention place this entire holding under the administration and supervision of the Board of Christian Education, with the understanding that the Convention continue to hold the title to the property.

The above report and recommendation were later adopted in the afternoon session. Exhibit 14.

The report on Elon College was presented by President Smith, with adoption postponed until later. A statement by Dr. Stanley C. Harrell in opposition to approving the Trustees' action of borrowing $650,000.00 from the Federal Government was given. Other statements by Rev. Richard Jackson and Dr. Smith were heard.

An address by Dr. Samuel N. Stevens of Grinnell College, "The Redemptive Power of Christian Education," was heard with sincere appreciation.

The Convention recessed for lunch served by the ladies of the host church.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

A hymn and a prayer by Rev. J. Frank Apple opened the session.

The Business Committee asked that the Elon College report be given the first fifteen minutes of the session. (This time was later extended an additional ten minutes.) It was recommended that Rev. Carl Key of Durham, N. C., be granted five minutes to tell of the program of CROP; also that discussion of the Superintendent's Home be put over to the Thursday session.

The above report of the Business Committee was adopted.

Numerous statements on the Elon College report were made, including Shirley Holland D. R. Fonville, L. E. Smith, I. W. Johnson, Mills Godwin, Wm. T. Scott, Jesse H. Dollar, Earl Danieley, H. V. Harman and H S. Hardcastle. These men strongly supported favorable action on the

Trustees' application for the $650,000.00 government loan. H. E. Robinson and Lanson Granger objected to the lack of time given for considering this very important action, also pointing out the undesirability of our College as our educational arm becoming involved with the state as a definite step toward central control of our free institutions.

On motion the report on Elon College, with the recommendation to approve the application for the loan, was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 15.

In the above connection, the question was asked if it was necessary for the Convention to grant its approval. The answer was given by Mr. Godwin that such permission was not necessary, that the Trustees had the authority to borrow such monies as they saw fit.

Mr. Pendleton pointed out that the real issue, namely who controlled the college, the trustees or the church, had not been faced.

The Finance Committee presented the various sections of its report separately upon vote of the Convention.

The Annual Apportionments and Budget for the 1954-56 Biennium were adopted.

Item No. 1, the schedule of Conference apportionments, was adopted.

Items Nos. 2 through 14, were adopted, with item No. 13 received as information.

On motion of Chairman Stanley C. Harrell, the Finance Committee's report was adopted as a whole. Exhibit 16.

Rev. Carl Key presented his statement on CROP.

The Ministerial Scholarship Fund report was presented and was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 17.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Evangelism and Devotional Life was received and made part of the record. This report was later adopted at the Thursday morning session. A supporting statement by Melvin Dollar was heard at that time. Exhibit 18.

On motion the report of the CBLF Campaign Committee was adopted and made part of the record, with special thanks to Mr. Garren and his committee for the excellent job they have done. Exhibit 19.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented. Exhibit 20.

On motion, the nominations were closed and the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the slate of nominees. The Secretary cast the ballot as instructed, and the President declared the nominees elected.

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee were presented.. No. 1 of these recommendations was interpreted to be suggestive and only a consensus of this Convention meeting.

The report of the Christian Orphanage was submitted by Superintendent John G. Truitt, and it was adopted. (Auditor's reports for the years of 1952 and 1953 were placed in the hands of the Secretary.) Exhibit 21.

The Convention recessed for supper served by the ladies of the church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Worship was conducted by the chaplain.

Mr. Jerry Smyre of Elon College rendered a concert of sacred music.

The offering was received for the Department of Music of Elon College, amounting to $51.19.

A most stimulating and informative address by Dr. Raymond A. Dudley, secretary for India of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, followed: "The India in Which We Work."

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THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by a hymn with the invocation being given by Rev. M. A. Pollard.

On motion the report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 22.

On motion the report of the O'Kelly Memorial Foundation was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 23.

On motion the report of the Historian, given by Dr. Scott, was adopted. Dr. Scott noted the historical sketch in the revised *Manual.*

On motion the report on the Superintendent's Home was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 24.

Dr. Scott presented a report on the Group Insurance plan. On motion this report with its recommendations was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 25.

The report of the Business Committee was made by Mr. Granger, as follows:

> The Business Committee has considered the recommendations made by Superintendent Scott in his report and proposes that the Convention approve them with instructions that the Executive Board implement them as a part of the Convention's program for the next biennium.

The report of the Ministerial Loan Fund was given. (An amendment that Recommendation No. 3 be deleted was lost.) On motion $1,330.96, as shown in the Elon College general funds, less such additions as have been made since the 1952 session of the Convention was written off. (Thus $1,165.92 was forgiven.) On motion the report, so altered, was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 26.

Dr. Smith's question as to what the Convention would have the College do concerning ministerial student scholarships granted by the College was referred to the Survey Committee on motion passed by the Convention.

On motion the report of the Social Action Committee was adopted and made part of the record. Exhibit 27.

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentiaals was adopted. Exhibit 28.

The Committee on Resolutions reported. The report was adopted and the resolutions admitted to record. Exhibit 29.

The resignation of R. L. Jackson from the Board of Christian Education was accepted. (Mr. Jackson had been elected to the Mission Board and did not desire to serve on two boards.) Mr. Martin Garren of Greensboro was elected to fill the vacancy.

On motion it was voted that the Secretary and President be authorized to complete the Minutes.

On motion it was voted that the Minutes be printed in THE ANNUAL and that the actions of the Convention be printed as soon as possible in *The Christian Sun.*

It was voted that the Convention acknowledge with thanks the invaluable service of the Convention Office, especially in the preparation of the "Blue Book" used by this session.

An expression of unanimous appreciation was extended to W. Millard Stevens upon the completion of four years of office as President of the Convention. Dr. Stevens at this point passed down the gavel and cane, symbols of his office, to his successor, Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, who responded with gracious and appropriate remarks.

The concluding service of the 1954 session of the Convention was conducted by the chaplain, following a soul-searching address by Rev. D. H. Sandstrom: "Kindle It with Love."

Final adjournment was at 11:35 a. m.

W. MILLARD STEVENS, *President,*
HENRY E. ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

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CONVENTION STANDING COMMITTEES—1954-56

Finance Committee—Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman; I. L. McDowell, S. H. Basnight, I. H. Vickery, Rev. W. Millard Stevens, George D. Colclough, S. H. Pell, Walter L. Cooper, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, H. S. Hardcastle.

Social Action—Rev. Thomas H. Britton, Chairman; Rev. Olin B. Pendleton, Rev. Charles M. Jones, Mrs. Allen Iseley, Mrs. Cecil Whitlock.

Memoirs—Dr. I. W. Johnson, Chairman; J. W. Barney, Rev. J. Frank Apple.

Stewardship Commission—Rev. Fred P. Register, Chairman; Rev. H. V. Harman, Russell V. Powell, Rev. Carl E. Wallace, Rev. Max Vestal.

Rural Church—Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Chairman; Rev. Ralph M. Galt, Rev. John R. Lackey, Rev. R. Eugene Tally, Rev. Earl T. Farrell.

Ministry—Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Chairman; Rev. R. A. Whitten, Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Rev. Fred P. Register, Rev. S. E. Madren, Rev. L. E. Smith, Rev. F. E. Reynolds, Rev. G. H. Veazey, Rev. W. E. Wisseman.

Evangelism and Spiritual Life—Rev. Wofford C. Timmons, Chairman; Rev. O. D. Poythress, J. E. Danieley, Rev. W. A. Grissom, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Rev. Roy C. Helfenstein.

Elon College Campaign Planning Committee (to work with Trustee Committee)—Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman; Rev. W. M. Stevens, Clarence A. Phillips, Rev. H. E. Robinson, Rev. Fred P. Register, Rev. F. C. Lester, Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Rev. Wm. T. Scott, and Conference Presidents, ex-officio.

CONVENTION BOARDS—BIENNIUM 1954-56

EXECUTIVE BOARD AND STAFF

Ex-Officio Members—Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman; George D. Colclough, Vice-Chairman; Dr. Henry E. Robinson, Secretary; Dr. Stanley C Harrell, Chairman of Finance Committee and Editor of *The Christian Sun;* Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College; Dr. John G. Truitt, Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage.

Class of 1956—Rev. Cameron Hayes (VVa, succeeding Rev. E. J. Rohart, resigned); Mills E. Godwin, Jr. (EVa); Rev. J. Frank Apple (ENC, succeeding Rev. F. P. Register, resigned); S. H. Pell (WNC); John Robert Walker (NCVa); Rev. R. L. Jackson (Mission Board); Mrs. W. B. Williams (Women); Miss Lois Scott (Youth): Mrs. Jack Nurney (at large).

Class of 1958—C. A. Phillips (VVa); Rev. Clyde L. Fields (EVa); Miss Susie D. Allen (ENC); Dr. F. C. Lester (WNC); Dr. W. E. Wisseman (NCVa); Rev. W. J. Andes (Christian Education); Rev. W. W. Snyder (Publications); Dr. J. E. Danieley (Laymen); Mrs. W. W. Sellers (at large); S. H. Basnight (at large).

Staff—Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Superintendent; Rev. John S. Graves, Director of Christian Education and Young People's Work; Rev. Fred P. Register, Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism; Walter L. Cooper, Treasurer; Miss Edna M. Finch, Assistant Treasurer.

COMMITTEES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

Executive—Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman; George D. Colclough, Dr. Henry E. Robinson, Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., J. E. Danieley; Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Office and Personnel—Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Chairman; Dr. Stanley C. Harrell! Geo. D. Colclough, Rev. Wm. J. Andes.

Ministerial Student Loan Fund and Scholarship Fund—Dr. John G. Truitt, Chairman; A. L. Hook; Rev. Kenneth D. Register, Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. W. T. Scott.

Centenial Program for Advance—Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Chairman; Dr. Henry E. Robinson, Secretary; Dr. W. C. Timmons, Dr. Stanley C. Harrell; Rev. W. J. Andes, Rev. John S. Graves, Rev. Fred P. Register, Dr. Wm. T. Scott.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Class of 1956—Rev. H. P. Bozarth, Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Rev. W. A. Grissom, Rev. Richard L. Jackson, Rev. W. J. Andes.

Class of 1958—J. E. Danieley, Rev. George D. Alley, Jack Shoffner, Rev. John S. Graves, Rev. Henry V. Harman.

THE MISSION BOARD

Class of 1956—Mrs. John G. Truitt, Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Mrs. W. E. Wisseman, Rev. R. E. Newton, Rev. R. L. Jackson, Rev. S. C. Harrell, Rex. G. Powell.

Class of 1958—Mrs. Russell Powell, Rev. H. E. Robinson, Rev. R. T. Grissom, Rev. Carl E. Wallace, Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Rev. H. L. Carnes, Rev. Ralph M. Galt.

Women's Representative—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

Class of 1956—Rev. S. E. Madren, Rev. W. W. Snyder, Rev. Clyde L. Fields.

Class of 1958—S. T. Holland, Rev. K. D. Register (Executive Board filled vacancy for F. C. Lester, resigned), Rev. Melvin Dollar.

CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE TRUSTEES

Class of 1956—V. R. Holt, Mrs. M. W. Andes, Clyde W. Gordon, L. R. Jones, L. P. Waldo.

Class of 1958—Mrs. J. H. McEwen, D. L. Boone, L. E. Carlton, T. W. Walton, I. H. Vickery.

Class of 1960—Dr. J. Parker Cross, Dr. Harold Kernodle, W. J. Ballentine, N. C. Monroe, C. D. West.

O'KELLY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Class of 1956—Miss Margaret Hall, Rev. K. D. Register, Miss Lillie D. Fowler.

Class of 1958—J. W. Barney, L. L. Vaughan, S. H. Basnight.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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EXHIBIT 1

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Members of the Board for the 1952-1954 biennium are as follows:

Ex-Officio Members—Rev. W. Millard Stevens, Chairman; Rev. Jesse H. Dollar, Vice-Chairman; Rev. Henry E. Robinson, Secretary; Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Chairman of Finance Committee; Rev. R. L. House (deceased) and John T. Kernodle, Editor, *The Christian Sun;* Rev. L E. Smith, President, Elon College; Rev. J. G. Truitt, Superintendent, Christian Orphanage.

Class of 1954—Rev. H. S. Hardcastle (EVa), Rev. R. A. Whitten (VVa), Mr. S. H. Basnight (ENC), Rev. F. C. Lester (WNC), Rev. W. E. Wisseman (NCVa), Rev. W. J. Andes (Christian Education), Rev. D. N. Vore and Rev. Roy C. Helfenstein (Publications), Mr. G. D. Colclough (Laymen), Mrs. W. W. Sellers (at large), Mr. K. T. Rothgeb (at large).

Class of 1956—Mr. Mills E. Godwin, Jr. (EVa), Rev. E. J. Rohart (VVa), Rev. F. P. Register (ENC), Mr. S. H. Pell (WNC), Mr. John Robert Walker (NCVa), Mrs. John G. Truitt (Mission Board), Mrs. W. B. Williams (Women), Mr. Philip Mann (Youth), Mrs. Jack Nurney (at large).

Five regular meetings of the Board were held during the Biennium: July 17, 1952, at Henderson, N. C.; November 25, 1952, at Henderson, N. C.; April 23, 1953, at Henderson, N. C.; December 8, 1953, at Suffolk, Va.; February 2, 1954, at Burlington, N. C.; and April 27, 1954, called for Suffolk, Va.

As instructed by the 1952 Convention, the Board authorized the revision of *The Manual* of the Southern Convention and appointed a Revisions Committee to proceed with the work. In January, 1954, the work was completed with the issuance of the revised *Manual.* The same copy is to be placed in cloth binding and issued shortly.

The Building Loan Fund Campaign quota of $135,000 was accepted and a committee headed by Martin T. Garren was set up to secure Declarations of Purpose from the churches. This work was to be completed by December 31, 1953, but the committee was authorized to finish its work by individual church contact up through the Mission Period of 1954.

A major concern of the Board has been the employing of a Stewardship and Evangelism Secretary. A special committee for job analysis made its report, and the Board's Committee on Office Personnel was instructed to further study the matter and recommend a candidate for the position by Convention time, if possible. A consensus indicates that there is a great need for such a staff person and that the balance in the Convention Fund is sufficient to employ a person at this time.

A Sustaining Fund (Elon College) Committee was appointed to work with all related groups. This committee was convened with College representatives, at which time H. E. Robinson and D. J. Bowden were elected Chairman and Secretary, respectively. Reports of this committee's work are reflected in the Sustaining Fund totals raised as recorded in THE ANNUAL.

The property of Moonelon has been administered by the Moonelon Committee, which is responsible to the Board. The Board has acted on several occasions regarding insurance, incorporation, development and future administration of this property. Further details will be found in the Report on Moonelon.

The matter of an edition (partial reprint and unauthorized changes) of the *Principles and Government of the Christian Church* by Rev. W. M. Lake of Burlington, received the attention of the Board. This matter was heard by a personal explanation given by Mr. Lake. It was settled by mutual agreement to destroy all available copies. Future questions concerning this edition were placed in the hands of a special committee, duly appointed.

The audits of the Convention finances for the years ending December 31, 1952, and December 31, 1953, were received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Supt. Scott was designated our delegate to the International Congregational Council at St. Andrews, Scotland, which he attended in June, 1953, being accompanied by Mrs. Scott.

It was voted that the Ministerial Loan Fund Committee of the Convention and the Ministerial Scholarship Fund Committee of the Board of Christian Education meet jointly until the next meeting of the Convention.

The Board voted to accept its share of the General Council travel fund deficit and to apportion it to the Conferences. The total was $848.

The Board felt deeply the loss of Dr. Robert Lee House and framed appropriate resolutions upon his passing.

The Board accepted the invitation of the Bethlehem Church (Suffolk, Virginia) to hold the 1954 sessions of the Convention at that church, and appointed a Nominating Committee to submit a slate of Officers and Board members, etc. to the Convention.

The Finance Committee was asked to make a study of all anticipated needs of the Convention Boards, Institutions and agencies for the next five-year period in order to formulate a picture of future askings in relation to resources of the churches.

In December of 1953, the Board authorized the appointment of a special Survey Committee to make a study of our Institutions, and in consultation with the Finance Committee, to make appropriate recommendations to the Board.

Mr. John T. Kernodle was appointed Editor ad interim of *The Christian Sun*. At the resignation of Rev. Duane Vore, Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., was elected to fill this vacancy on the Board of Publications.

Rev. Wm. T. Scott was nominated for reelection as Superintendent of the Convention for the 1954-56 biennium.

The Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Superintendent, and all employed staff of the Convention are bonded through the Board of Home Missions of Congregational Christian Churches, New York, Fidelity Bond—Aetna No. 1F-6634—Blanket Position Bond, $100,000 indemnity each, premiums paid to June 30, 1954.

At each meeting of the Board held during the course of the biennium, reports have been received in detail from the Superintendent, the Educational Secretary, the Treasurer of the Convention Fund, the Convention Office, and from all of the officers of the Convention. Copies of these reports are in the hands of the Secretary and may be examined by any member of the Convention upon request. Also detailed minutes of each session of the Executive Board are on record in the minute book of the Executive Board, which is a permanent record, in the hands of the Convention Secretary, and may be examined upon request by anyone desiring to examine such records.

The foregoing actions of the Board are a brief summary of the significant actions which the Board has taken. Other actions are included in the minutes mentioned above. At each session of the Board, the Board has also received reports from the various committees of the Convention and has counseled with said committees with reference to their work.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. ROBINSON, *Secretary*.

EXHIBIT 2

REPORT OF CONVENTION SUPERINTENDENT

I. THE STATE OF OUR CHURCHES AND MINISTRY:

Churches.—There are 201 churches in the Convention, three new ones being organized during the biennium: Hendersonville and Burlington "Lakeview" in North Carolina; South Boston in Virginia. Oakdale, located at Rig, West Virginia, of the old West Virginia Christian Conference prior to the merger in 1931, sought and received associate membership in the Valley Conference. There are nine "inactive" or non-cooperating churches in the Convention.

Membership.—At the end of the 1952-53 Conference Year, the churches reported 34,889 members, or a gain of 966 over the 1950-51 figure (33,923), reported to the 1952 session of the Convention.

Sunday School Membership.—For the 1952-53 Conference Year, 184 churches reported Sunday School enrollment totaling 26,495 (including 2,431 officers and teachers), a gain in membership of 2,886 in two years.

Properties—In 1953, 197 churches reported properties at $7,040,639. For the Conference Year 1951-52, 146 churches reported having spent $603,438 for new buildings and improvement of present properties; for 1952-53, 118 churches reported having spent $359,051 for the same purposes.

During the biennium, in the *Valley Conference,* Bethlehem has constructed a beautiful new church; Bethel and Mt. Lebanon are now erecting a new educational building and church respectively.

In the *Eastern Virginia Conference,* Rosemont, in South Norfolk, has enlarged and beautified its sanctuary and erected an educational building. Bayview, in Norfolk, and Wakefield have erected educational buildings.

In the *Eastern North Carolina Conference* our newly organized church at Fayetteville has completed a beautiful chapel and educational building, and Southern Pines has beautified its sanctuary and completed its educational building.

In the *Western North Carolina Conference,* Hanks Chapel and High Point have erected educational buildings.

In the *North Carolina and Virginia Conference* our newly organized Lakeview Church, in Burlington, has erected its first building; Hopedale has completed its new building; Union (N. C.) has completed its educational building; while Beverly Hills, Burlington, has just begun construction of a new church building.

In every Conference, our churches have made substantial improvements on properties, and our facilities are the best in our history for more effective service. Indebtedness reported is $456,191.

Parsonages.—There are now 74 parsonages in the Convention, and two under construction (Eastern Virginia, Mt. Carmel; North Carolina and Virginia, New Lebanon). Five new homes for ministers have been added during the past two years: Eastern Virginia—Bethlehem (Nans.), Chapel and Bay View; Eastern North Carolina—Wake Chapel; Western North Carolina—Albemarle. Southern Pines and Suffolk have purchased new parsonages.

Finances.—Our churches have contributed more money to our church cause during the past two years than in any biennium in our history—a total of $2,671,764: $2,314,817 for local expenses, including building and improvement to properties, and $356,947 to apportionment and benevolences.

For example, in the 1952-53 Conference Year, our churches raised $1,110,323, or about $32 per member, for local purposes, and $185,174, or about $5 per member, for benevolences. From this we get some idea about our stewardship. For that same year the average pastoral salary for "full-time" service was $3,119.

A comparison of our situation in 1953, as compared with 1933, may be seen from the figures given below. For 1933:

Conference	*No. of Churches*	*No. of Members*	*Total Raised*	*Value of Property*	*S. S. Members*
Virginia Valley	25	2,406	$ 8,074	$ 90,767	1,908
Eastern Virginia	45	9,909	93,566	1,271,300	7,037
Eastern North Carolina	38	4,542	9,656	26,600	3,198
Western North Carolina	37	3,969	16,527	164,995	3,922
North Carolina and Virginia	40	7,566	40,819	296,650	5,774
Totals	185	28,392	$ 168,642	$1,850,312	21,839
Not reporting	16				
	201	29,905	$ 211,306	$2,227,620	22,547
*Georgia and Alabama	35	3,638	9,756	104,700	2,197
	236	33,543	$ 221,062	$2,332,320	24,744

*The Christian Churches in Georgia and Alabama were released from the Convention in 1934 to form State Conferences with the Congregational Churches.

For 1953:

Conference	*No. of Churches*	*No. of Members*	*Total Raised*	*Value of Property*	*S. S. Members*
Virginia Valley	21	2,642	$ 87,803	$ 278,700	1,520
Eastern Virginia	43	10,786	436,725	3,164,050	7,897
Eastern North Carolina	48	6,656	217,761	1,178,307	4,260
Western North Carolina	39	4,169	127,184	573,500	3,962
North Carolina and Virginia	49	10,636	426,324	2,487,406	8,316
Totals	200	34,889	$1,295,797	$7,681,963	25,955
1954, New	1	52			
	201	34,947			

Our Ministry.—We have 131 ordained ministers in the Convention (119 Elders, 9 with Conference Ordination, 19, Licentiates, 19 Candidates—Biblical Class, 3 with standing in other denominations.)

Pastors.—There are 98 pastors—82 ordained; 8 Conference Ordinations; 6 Licentiates; 3 with standing in other denominations. We have 33 young men preparing for the Christian ministry—7 in seminaries and 26 in College (21 at Elon).

Eleven new ministers have come to our Convention during the past two years: George D. Alley, Thomas H. Britton, Harvey L. Carnes, Henry V. Harman, Cameron D. Hayes, Charles M. Heymann, Dwight O. Jackson, Charles M. Jones, W. C. Timmons, H. G. Titcomb, and John S. Graves has returned to the Convention.

Kenneth M. Lindner and Johnson L. Griffin have returned to the U. S. Army Chaplaincy. We have been saddened by the death among our ministerial ranks: Rev. C. E. Newman, Rev. N. G. Newman, Rev. T. J. Green, Rev. R. L. House, and Rev. Rufus Moffitt.

We are glad to have a part in making effective the Group Insurance Plan for our ministers and their dependents. A full report on this work will be given elsewhere.

II. OUR AUXILIARIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND INSTITUTES:

Women's Work.—Approximately 150 churches have Women's societies, with a membership approximating between 3000 and 5000. This is one of our most significant and effective works as a church.

Laymen's Work.—Our Laymen's Fellowship is six years old. There are approximately 10,000 men in our churches. Perhaps no more than 3000 are taking more than a "belonging status" in our churches, but the Laymen's Fellowship is "on the way." Here is perhaps the greatest potential in the Convention.

Youth Work.—The Board of Christian Education and Miss Coghill are developing a significant work with the youth of our churches, as their reports will indicate.

The Boards and Committees of our Convention have their functions and have rendered good service during the biennium, as their reports will reveal. I have served as Executive Secretary of the Mission Board.

Elon College continues to serve our church well. Our constituency should be mindful of the need of more adequate financial support, and more of our own youth should attend our college.

The Christian Orphanage is our Christian witness of our love for the children in our midst who are the victims of orphaned and broken homes. Let us not fail to do our job wisely and generously there.

Moonelon, our Convention Assembly Ground (or Conference Center), is developing under the leadership of our Laymen. This center can be a point of real service and inspiration to our entire constituency.

III. THE CHRISTIAN SUN:

Our church paper since 1844 has rendered a service of fellowship, information and inspiration without which we would be considerably weakened. The report of the Board of Publications will call to our attention the problems of "survival" of

The Christian Sun. More subscriptions constitute the solution to most of the problems.

IV. OUR STEWARDSHIP, EVANGELISM, CHURCHMANSHIP, CHURCH EXTENSION:

Statistically, we are growing, even if at a slow rate! We continue to be disturbed by our very low Evangelism index. For the Conference Year 1952-53, our net increase in membership was only 276. This does not indicate our full Christian passion and concern, we believe. Our potential is many times that figure!

Recommendation.—That we reaffirm the goal of one new member per month for each 100 members.

Our giving reveals a generosity, and yet our record is far below the Christian Stewardship principles. Read the Stewardship report.

We believe the action to employ a Stewardship and Evangelism Secretary can be the means of lifting our spiritual devotion, witness and giving.

Our newly organized churches are inspirations. Considerable time has gone into this work. We are gratified with the results, but many other fields await us.

Recomendation.—That we re-rffirm our goal of one new church per year in each Conference.

V. CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND CAMPAIGN:

The Southern Convention, through devoted laymen and pastors, has engaged during the past year in the denomination's campaign to raise $4,500,000. Our quota is $135,000. To date, approximately $95,000 has been accepted as quotas by our churches of the Convention. We have received generous support from our Church Building Society, and we shall need greater support as we organize new churches. Our nation needs new churches for its growing millions, and our denomination must not fail in its share of the responsibility to give the Christian witness to our nation's people!

Recommendation.—That the Mission Board be authorized to complete the Church Building Loan Fund goal of $135,000, and that our churches give their liberal support to this undertaking.

VI. OUR CENTENNIAL BIENNIUM (1856-1956):

The 1956 biennial session of the Convention will mark 100 years of organization of the Southern Convention (organized at Union Ridge, Burlington). These years have marked many changes, much progress, and give us great hope for the future.

Recommendation.—That 1954-56 be declared our "Convention Centennial"; that we seek an invitation from Union Ridge Church for the 1956 session; that the ensuing biennium be emphasized as our Centennial, and that a Special Committee be appointed to set up goals and objectives for our "Convention Centennial."

VII. IN CONCLUSION:

You have honored me with responsibility as your Superintendent. I have tried to fulfill to the best of my ability those responsibilities. In the above report of activities, plans, etc., there is none in which the Superintendent has not had a part (even if small). The credit for victories, I gladly give to our devoted pastors, officers and leaders. For failures, I assume a full share. That I have given my best is my consolation. I have travelled more than 70,000 miles during the biennium in the interest of our work, counselling with local churches, pastors, boards, committees, institutions, ministerial students, lay persons, etc. No small portion of time goes into counselling with churches with regard to pastoral services. We believe a good spirit of cooperation is prevailing in our Conferences and Convention. We are ready, we believe, for a courageous advance in spirit and in service during the Centennial Biennium. The Convention Hymn expresses my prayer for us all at this hour.

I have served our Convention throughout the General Council as a member of the Executive Committee, representing the Conferences of the Southeast. I have served as a member of the Nominating Committees of the General Council and of the Board of Home Missions, serving also as a member of the Marginal Church Com-

mittee of the Board of Home Missions, as a member of the Executive Committee of the N. C. Council of Churches, and in other interdenominational capacities.

Mrs. Scott and I were honored to be your delegates to the International Congregational Council in St. Andrews, Scotland, in June, 1953. Your generous contributions to help make our trip possible is deeply appreciated. We received great inspiration from our denominational world-wide meeting, and the visit to our Church centers in England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Switzerland and Italy gave us a picture of the need for the Christian Witness. We hope these enriching experiences, and your thoughtfulness, have deepened our sense of mission and our effectiveness.

Mention should be made of the young ladies who served our Convention in the office. Their work is nearly all detail and often lacks the "thrills" of field contact that come to Miss Coghill and me. Yet, the devotion of Miss Edna Fitch, who serves as bookeeper and assistant treasurer; Miss Doris Boswell, who serves as Miss Coghill's secretary, and the two college girls who give part time in letter writing and in keeping *The Christian Sun* mailing list, make for whatever effectiveness we may have had.

WM. T. SCOTT, *Superintendent.*

EXHIBIT 3

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

I know of no job with more satisfaction in it than mine, and I thoroughly enjoy it. It has its frustrations because no one knows more than I do the number of things which go undone, and the possibilities if there were more time. I long for more time to visit local churches, but our "stated" and group meetings keep me busy. The most difficult part of my job is office work—not that I don't like it, as letters to me are the next best thing to a personal visit, but there seems to be no possible way of catching up with my office work just one time in my life! In addition to the large amount of letters in connection with the promotion of rallies, conferences, leadership training schools, young people's camps and conferences, etc., our office work often seems as extensive as the many organizations and people in our two hundred churches! Such a variety of things as people write us about. I wish I had space to list some of them. There are also requests for program materials for all age groups in our churches and for every season of the year.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. While I am an employee of the Southern Convention and report to the Executive Board, it is the Board of Christian Education which pays the major share of my salary, expenses and office secretary, and in a general way supervises my work. Rev. W. J. Andes, Chairman, is always helpful in making decisions. I attend the two or three meetings of the Board which are held each year, when general plans are made and accomplishments reviewed. I have met during the past two years with the committees on Christian Education in most of our Conferences, with some of them several times. I keep in touch with the National Division of Christian Education and provide Pilgrim Press with an up-to-date list of our Sunday School Superintendents for their regular mailings of materials. I receive sample copies of all the materials from the various departments of our Division of Christian Education and in turn, order what we need in our area. I am also in touch with the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches and receive sample copies of all materials published.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS. These are a major interest of the Board of Christian Education. I meet with the Planning Committees in each of these and assist in every way possible in promoting attendance at the Conventions and in securing leadership and helping with the program. Our office also mimeographs the Sunday School report blanks. The ten cents per member from the local Sunday Schools which are sent to the Conventions help very materailly in supporting our Christian Education work. A special Supper Meeting for Sunday School Superintendents has been held in four of the five Conferences during the past few years, and this has been promoted for the most part by the officers of the Sunday School Conventions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS are another concern of the Board of Christian Education. I do not know the exact number which are held in the Convention, but the

number is increasing all the time, and a large majority of our churches hold them. We feel that this is most important because none of us have enough time in our Sunday Schools. For these Vacation Bible Schools we select text books each year, and last year I bought them on consignment for sale at the time of the Women's Rallies. This year the needs of our churches are so different we have suggested four different types of materials which have been passed along to the churches, and from which they may select and order their own. In scattered areas we have held Vacation Church School Institutes to assist teachers and officers in conducting schools. This year the Western North Carolina Youth Rally on the fifth Sunday in May plans to put its entire emphasis on Vacation Bible Schools, hoping to enlist the interest and help of the young people, and there will be a presentation of suggestions for the use of all materials. Selling and collecting and ordering additional materials has been a tremendous job for us each year, and we are hoping that the present way of handling this will be an improvement, at least for our office!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK, another concern of the Board of Christian Education, needs more time than I can possibly give to it. I have met with the Southern Convention Youth Fellowship officers in two Planning Conferences during the biennium and there is to be a meeting of delegates from the churches throughout the Convention at First Church, Burlington, with the churches of Alamance County serving as joint hosts, on April 24 and 25. This will be the first time we have attempted this kind of meeting. Each church is being asked to send two official delegates, whether or not they have any kind of youth organization. In addition to the Convention youth work, each of our five Conferences has a thriving youth organization, and all of them have at least two rallies per year. The Western North Carolina Young People meet every fifth Sunday. I attend almost all of these Young People's Rallies, and this means that I have in most instances met with them ahead of time in a Planning Conference. I also meet with the officers of the Conference in a kind of "Planning Retreat" each fall. The meetings of young people go on continually on the Conference Level! I regret that I am unable to visit more local young people's organizations, but I do drop in on as many as I can. Recently I reviewed the Home Missions Stury Book, *Who,* for young people's groups from Holy Neck, Bethlehem and Holland at the Holland Church; and at Windsor for the four churches of that parish. I do as much interdenominational work with young people as possible, but that is far too little. I have participated for the past two years in the leadership of Virginia State Youth Council, held in Richmond. This fall I attended a Planning Conference set up for youth leaders in North Carolina. We also try to have young people represented at the committee meetings of the State Interdenominational Council. I have agreed to teach this year in the Southeast Regional Youth Camp at St. John's River, August 8-15. I keep in constant touch with the work of the National Pilgrim Fellowship and try to keep our young people informed. We arranged to have two delegates attend the National Meeting in Pomona, California, in 1952. We have plans to have a young person from each of our five Conferences attend the National Meeting to be held at Yale Divinity School, June 23-30. I have also agreed to be one of the leaders there.

STUDENT WORK. I have been unable to do very much work with our students in Virginia, other than keeping in personal touch with students I know from our churches who are attending Virginia colleges and universities or are in school at Elon. A very wonderful Student Conference was held at the Presbyterian Camp New Hope last spring with a large number of colleges represented. An afternoon and evening meeting was held at First Church, Greensboro, last fall which was pretty well attended. As this report is being written, we have plans for another Student Camp at Quaker Lake on April 24 and 25. During this biennium there has been a thriving student group organized at Duke. We have been in touch with students from other colleges which do not have Congregational Christian Student Ogranizations. My plans now are to visit each student group early next fall—as early as I can arrange it.

SUMMER STUDENT SERVICE WORK. This takes considerable time because we have to carefully select the students who are going to work with us, provide them with some kind of training and literature, and then make their schedules in churches across the Convention. A student worker will be available to any of our churches this summer which feels that it does not have sufficient help for conducting its own

Vacation Bible School. Entertainment is the only requirement except in places in which the church feels that while it lacks leadership, it is able to make an offering toward the Board of Christian Education which promotes this work.

SUMMER CAMPS AND CONFERENCES manage to take a great deal of my time. Each year we must go through the process of finding a suitable place for the camps, and if we have a suitable place, to fit into the dates of other groups using these camps. It will be wonderful when we have our own camp at Moonelon and can set up our Conferences at the most convenient time for our Southern Convention work. Six camps and conferences were held last summer, with larger attendance in the aggregate than ever before. It is easy to imagine the amount of correspondence that goes on in the selection of places, dates, deans, faculty, materials for teaching, pre-session training conferences, promoting attendance from all of the churches, and in some cases, arranging for food. I have often said that any summer camp has at least one hundred details that have to be checked before it opens. At the Crabtree camps we must take mattress covers and lanterns and recreational equipment, worship equipment, projectors, books, and song books, and other things too numerous to mention. Each year we have special missionary guests, and they mean a lot to the young people. It seems now that one of the Summer Student Workers last year will go to Ceylon as a missionary because of the personal friendship with Grace Raju, who attended our camps last summer. This is the kind of result which thrills us. We had a National Youth Caravan—Congregational Christian-Evangelical and Reformed—assist us in the Valley Camp in 1952, and another at Elon in 1953. We also had Miss Rae Cochrane, from Montana, as a Pilgrim Fellowship visitor at some of our Conferences in 1953. All of these outside contacts are important for our young people. This is a two-way process, too. We have assisted young people from our area in working as part of National Youth Caravans. Last summer Becky Mann, from Eastern Virginia, and Page Painter, from the Valley of Virginia, were on National Youth Caravans in other parts of the country. Laverne Brady, Senior at Elon College and daughter of Rev. Carl Brady, was a Caravan Worker one summer, and last summer was in a work camp overseas. I should add that one of our churches experminted with a Church—Day Camp last summer most successfully, and we wish that other churches would attempt this to supplement the Conference and Convention Summer Camps and Conferences.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING. I wish we could report a better record of Leadership Training. We ought to have something of this kind for every church in the Convention. From time to time some types of training are available in each area, but not enough. For the past two years Leadership Training Schools were held in Greensboro for the entire Greensboro area of churches; in the Suffolk, Norfolk and Waverly Districts in the Eastern Virginia Conference last year, and this year Missionary Education Institutes with Miss Ione Catton as leader. During the biennium Leadership Training Schools have been held in Burlington for the Alamance County Churches; Pleasant Ridge for the churches of the Western North Carolina Conference; Virgilina for the three churches of that parish: and in Albemarle and Wake Chapel. I taught in an Interdenominational Training School in Winchester, Virginia, and in Elkton. Virginia has a great many more Interdenominational Leadership Training Schools than North Carolina, and I wish that there could be more of them in both states. In addition to Leadership Training Schools, there have been a Religious Education Institute for the churches of the Valley at Bethlehem Church, Pilgrim Series previews for the Burlington and Greensboro areas and in a few local churches. At the institutes in Waverly, Suffolk and Norfolk in March, I had the Sunday School materials on exhibit in the afternoons and held interviews with all who were interested. The Pilgrim Series materials are always on display in our office, both the past quarter and the current quarter. We need suggestions for more and better Leadership Training in the Convention.

VISUAL AIDS. We feel that there is a growing interest in the use of Visual Aids in our churches, and more churches are purchasing equipment. We do not have a sound projector in the Southern Convention Office, but we do have three filmstrip projectors. Our list of Visual Aids has just been revised and brought up to date and mimeographed and is now ready for distribution. Each year a large number of our churches use the feature film provided free from the Missions Council. "The Hidden Heart" was shown in a majority of our churches during the past year. Some of this

must be credited to the Women for their special promotion this year. The feature film for the coming year is called, "In the Beginning," and it will be ready for distribution toward the end of August. There are always good missionary filmstrips on hand in our office which we wish the churches would use. We also have on hand the current picture to accompany the Pilgrim Series Sunday School materials each quarter, and they are for free distribution. We should call attention especially to the Leadership Education Kit of filmstrips which are especially usable for teacher's meetings, Worker's Councils, and Leadership Training Schools. Our newest purchase is the seven filmstrpis of the nationally and interdenominationally produced Youth Kit. We hope that this will have wide use. Miss Doris Boswell, in our office, has done a fine job in handling Visual Aids and will continue to be in charge of distribution.

MISSIONS AND MISSIONARY EDUCATION. I attend most of the meetings of the Southern Convention Mission Board; write letters from time to time about projects to the churches, the use of Visual Aids for the promotion of Missionary Education; letters about the Thank Offering each year; materials about Sunday School projects, and send news of missionaries and most recently a Prayer List to *The Christian Sun.* I planned a series of Institutes at two different times during the past year for Miss Ione Catton, Missionary Education Program Secretary of the Missions Council. While she was here, the Mission Board set up a Convention-wide meeting of the Missionary Education Committee for her. The young people completed their project of bringing Jose Dabuet from the Philippines to study for a year in this country. Their current mission project is Moonelon, and I think there is increasing interest in that.

SPEAKERS. I have brought to our area, or worked with organizations to bring to our area during the biennum, the following people: Nick Piedisacalzi, National Pilgrim Fellowship President; Rae Cochrane, Pilgrim Fellowship visitor from Montana; a Youth Caravan of four young people to the Valley Conference, and another caravan of four young people to Elon; Leila Anderson for Leadership Training Schools; Dr. Paul Reynolds, Secretary of Family Life and Young Adult Work; Miss Marie Crosby of Angola, West Africa; Dr. and Mrs. William Q. McKnight of Japan; Miss Alice Huggins of China; Miss Hilda Theim of the Micronesian Islands; Miss Grace Raju, and a Japanese student to Summer Conferences; Miss Margaret Hargrove, Mrs. David McKeith and Rev. Quentin Leisher for Women's Meetings. Miss Jennie Doidge will attend the Fall Conferences of the Women; Mr. Max Martin Eichrodt from Switzerland, and Miss Ariam Parmansamy from Ceylon, will be special visitors of our Youth Conferences this summer. We hope to have Dr. and Mrs. Ed Riggs of India at Elon College School of Missions. We will have Miss Frances Eastman, Editor of the Program Manual and of *Children's Religion,* for Leadership Training in the area for two weeks, beginning June 3, 1955.

WOMEN'S WORK. During the biennium I have attended most of the Board Meetings of the Southern Convention Women; the Eastern Virginia Women's Conference; all of them in North Carolina, and one Women's Board Meeting in the Valley Conference; the biennial meeting of the Southern Convention Women; all three Fall Conferences of the State Women's Conferences; most of the rallies for the two years in the three Womens Conferences; two meetings of District Chairmen in North Carolina, and the Local Presidents in the Durham-Raleigh, Henderson, Greensboro and Burlington areas. I have also worked with the School of Missions Committees and have attended both sessions. I have organized four new Women's Societies. I attended the National Women's Meeting in Cleveland for as many sessions as possible for the past two years, and this year led one of the discussions at their meeting.

My biggest job in Women's Work comes as Chairman of Literature. This means receiving and reading and helping to select the Mission Study books and Bible Study books for our Packet; also the other literature which comes from our National Offices; and, in addition, deciding upon extra programs to be prepared and holding meetings of our Literature Committee. The Packet is prepared with all the materials included, a sticker on the outside, and suggestions for using the materials. We have these packets and books on missions, worship, and other related themes at the School of Missions and the Fall Conferences; and answer hundreds of letters about literature each year. This continues throughout the year. I am in constant touch with Arm-

strong Hunter, who is Resource Leader for Missionary Materials. The bookkeeping in our office requires a lot of time because we handle all the money for the Summer Camps and Conferences, Summer Student Service Work, literature for the Women, and a lot of other things. We mimeograph materials for the young people's rallies and for a great many other meetings. In addition to all of the work which Doris Boswell does for me, she handles Visual Aids; keeps all of our mailing lists of Women, Sunday School Superintendents, etc., in the office up to date, and answers the telephone for us all. The latter is no simple job. During the year I met the Home Mission Study Tour of the Board of Home Missions in Durham and drove them by Chapel Hill, and on to Elon College for meetings there.

There have been a number of out-of-area meetings which I have attended since the last meeting of the Southern Convention: the General Council in California (arranging for a bus which took most of our delegates), the Mid-Winter Meeting in Cleveland for the two years, the Southeast Regional Meeting in Avon Park, a meeting at Bricks which is in the Southeast Convention, and a committee meeting with Dr. Scott at the old Midway Church, near Savannah, Georgia, for the General Council. I send in items from time to time for *The Christian Sun;* do whatever I can to have students from Elon College in our churches, taking some of them with me to meetings, and this year, bringing some young people for High School Day. I bring coupons and other packages to the Orphanage and tell others where to send these and Friendly Service materials.

All of these things listed above I enjoy doing. There just isn't enough time to do a good job. I wish each of our five Conferences could have a Director of Religious Education and Women's Work.

Respectfully submitted,

PATTIE LEE COGHILL.

EXHIBIT 4

REPORT OF TREASURER

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JANUARY 1, 1952, TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

FUNDS:	*Beginning Balance*	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	*Balance*
Convention Home Missions	$ 2,825.69	$ 80,211.86	$ 74,343.69	$ 8,693.86
Foreign Missions	825.92	57,388.58	55,519.25	2,695.25
Christian Orphanage	.....	53,372.94	53,342.94	30.00
Elon College	.....	29,377.54	29,356.39	21.15
Elon College Sustaining Fund	.....	18,760.24	18,760.24	.....
Christian Education	2,178.59	13,271.56	11,785.57	3,664.58
Nat'l H. Missions & Minis. Relief	347.20	17,681.45	17,188.36	840.29
Christmas Fund	150.10	4,566.54	4,716.64	.....
Convention Fund	2,235.43	49,127.59	45,392.47	5,970.55
Per Capita Dues	138.50	5,094.25	5,152.10	80.65
Board of Publications	715.07	21,648.12	21,573.51	789.68
Ministerial Scholarship	1,740.10	5,354.15	3,721.25	3,373.00
Ministerial Loan Fund	.....	7,085.90	7,085.90	.....
Other	49.66	13,575.68	13,938.57	–313.23
Insurance	.....	14,836.49	14,634.97	201.52
Mission Bd. Admin. & Promotion	.....	1,919.24	1,057.14	862.10
Totals	$11,206.26	$393,272.13	$377.568.99	$26,909.40

SOURCES OF RECEIPTS

Churches	$216,681.86
Sunday Schools	42,734.96
Woman's Board and Young People	33,577.08
Inter-Fund Receipts	19,213.53
First Federal Savings & Loan Association	5,041.00
Subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*	9,429.65

Individuals and Miscellaneous	20,880.67
Board of Home Missions, New York	12,649.58
Repayment of Ministerial Loans	3,125.08
Reimbursements—Miscellaneous	583.48
Payroll Taxes and Advances	1,566.39
Elon College	2,064.53
Christian Orphanage	2,468.64
Sunday School Convention Dues and Conferences	11,938.48
Treasurer of the United States	15.00
Sale of Franklinton Parsonage	9,500.00
American Board	850.00
Commonwealth of Virginia	125.00
C. M. A.—N. C. & Va. Conference	809.20
Total Receipts	$393,272.13

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS—CONVENTION FUND

Balance, January 1, 1952			$ 2,235.43
Receipts			
Apportionments:			
Churches	$28,858.97		
Sunday Schools	2,385.11		
		$31,244.08	
Mission Board—subsidy and PLC secretary		4,620.00	
Board of Christian Education—subsidy		9,000.00	
Miscellaneous		144.06	
Board of Home Missions—New York		400.00	
Miscellaneous reimbursements		827.69	
Superintendent's Home		1,273.72	
Missions Council—for Laymen's Dinner		51.65	
Payroll taxes and advance		1,566.39	
			49,127.59
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance			$51,363.02
Disbursements			
Superintendent's salary		$ 9,000.00	
Superintendent's travel		2,944.02	
Educational Secretary's salary		6,200.00	
Educational Secretary's travel		2,894.17	
Office salaries		10,380.67	
Office expense		4,834.21	
Superintendent's Home		3,103.37	
Annuities and bonds		790.50	
Meetings		1,150.51	
Geo. D. Colclough, Treas.—Remittance correction		377.15	
Refund for Manual and miscellaneous		12.90	
Contingent		1,034.98	
Wm. N. Tuttle, Treas., S. E. Regional Meeting—dues		225.00	
Home Life Insurance Co.—deposit		164.60	
Board of Publications—1952 Annuals		287.80	
Accrued payroll tax as of 12|31|51		331.53	
Payroll taxes and advances		1,661.06	
Total Disbursements			45,392.47
Balance			$ 5,970.55

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Assistant Treasurer.*

The Executive Board,
Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.,
Elon College, North Carolina,

Gentlemen:

We have made an audit of the books and records of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., Elon College, North Carolina, for the years ended December 31, 1952, and December 31, 1953, and submit herewith our report, consisting of Cash Receipts and Disbursements Exhibits of the Southern Convention, Convention Fund, Convention Home Missions, National Home Missions and Ministerial Relief, Foreign Missions, Mission Board Administrative and Promotion, Other Funds, Christian Education, Board of Publications, Ministerial Scholarship, and a Bank Reconcilation Schedule of the Southern Convention.

In our opinion, the Cash Receipts and Disbursements statements correctly present the operating results of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., for the years ended December 31, 1952, and December 31, 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

OWEN, HOGAN AND MCMILLAN,
Certified Public Accountants,
By CHARLES M. MCMILLAN.

EXHIBIT 5

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

Out of the heart of the Gospel comes the work of missions. The worship, the preaching, the teaching, the fellowship and the outreach of every church should sharpen its members' understanding of the trusteeship which God has placed in our hands. We are stewards of the gospel itself.

The current interpretation of stewardship implies a conserving of funds, a careful handling of resources. But in an earlier and simpler day, to be a steward meant to attend to the wants of others. Concern for the welfare of others is a Christian concept; missions it the fullest expression of that concern; our missionaries and workers are the finest examples of the true meaning of stewardship.

What is our aim of Missions? David Paton suggests, it is not primarily to save souls, but to provide the permanent means by which souls may be saved. To the helplessly ill, Missions sends doctors and says, "In His name, be healed"; to the weary, hungry toiler in primitive communities, Missions sends agricultural experts and says, "Eat, that you may have strength"; to the ignorant and frightened, Missions sends ministers and teachers, and says, "The truth shall make you free."

My friends, in our interpretation and promotion as well as in our administration and giving, we are to be stewards, knowing that we have the precious treasure of the Gospel in earthen vessels, but that it is indeed the supreme treasure. In this matter of the Mission of our church, may there be a personal response to a personal encounter with God.

A LOOK AT THE MISSION OF OUR CHURCH ABROAD

Africa.—Dr. Mary Cushman, at the age of 86, has just returned to the United States. Dr. and Mrs. Robert McGowan, the first medical missionaries in 25 years, have gone to this field. There is big news in the opening of secondary schools in Angola and Rhodesia. There is increased emphasis on evangelism. In South Africa the new gold fields, also rich in uranium, which are attracting so many Africans from all parts of the country, present one of the most serious challenges to Christianity. Ordained missionaries, for both rural and urban stations, are urgently needed. In an atmosphere of general despair and gloom, the church of South Africa stands out like a beacon light.

Mexico.—The major event of 1953 was the cornerstone laying of the new church at Guadalajava, the construction of which is proceeding at a rapid pace. The development of future leaders among present young people's groups is promising. They are planning for a deputation of young people to attend the national Pilgrim Fellowship meeting to be held in conjunction with the General Council at New Haven.

There is still a tremendous amount of work to be done, but the corner has been turned and the future is very hopeful.

China.—Word from China is scarce, especially so since there are no longer any American Board missionaries there.

As never before, our prayers are needed by our Chinese friends, whose stewardship is shown in an unshakable witness to the faith that is theirs. In 1951, Dr. Harold Matthews wrote, "The Church will be there somewhere, when the present storm has subsided."

Japan.—The United Church, the Kyodan, with its membership of 165,000, and which includes about 70 per cent of all Japanese Protestants, is doing a good work. The purpose of the first all-Japan conference of the Kyodan held in September was to consider the Mission of the church. There were more laymen than ministers and missionaries present, which was of great significance. Its leaders are mapping out a more effective evangelistic strategy for a country-wide campaign to lead up to the celebration in 1959 of the one hundredth anniversary of the coming of the first Protestant missionaries to Japan.

Christian Education is of greater importance to Japan today than ever before. Every dollar given for the new International Christian University is an investment in the most significant single event in the educational future in Japan in recent years.

In addition to communism, there is a renaissance of Buddhism and a return to Shintoism, with an accompanying upsurge of Nationalism. These are disturbing forces in Japan today. May we Congregational Christians of the United States not slacken our efforts, lest doors which are still open to Christianity close with a resultant loss to the people of the whole world.

The Philippines.—In its seventh year as an independent republic the Philippines shows marks of increasing maturity. Parallel to the growth and stabilization of government has gone the development of the United Church in the Philippines. Although, as in all fields, there is still a marked lack of adequately trained leaders.

Micronesia.—The church is the most important building on an island or in the village, being the center of both the spiritual as well as the social life of the people. The United States Navy, in whose hands is the security of the islands, has at last granted permission to two German missionaries to enter Trust Territory.

The Island people of Micronesia face into a new century of Christian development with renewed determination and consecration.

India and Ceylon.—In our three missions in India and Ceylon there are about 70 ordained Indian ministers in charge of 5700 Christians.

It has been pointed out that there are two movements in India today. One is communism with 5 per cent of the people, and the other is Christianity with 2 per cent of the people. These movements differ as to the ultimate goal for man, and also as to the means of reaching the goal. In each it is the spirit, not the present size that is important. We must strengthen the spirit of the Christians.

The Near East.—In Greece and Turkey the American Board alone represents the Christian West, and in Syria and Lebanon we share work only with the Presbyterian Board. In these lands the Christian West is measured by our stewardship.

Our work in the Near East has followed three phases:

1. Friendly service among the ancient churches. 2. Cooperation with a young and eager Protestant church. 3. Since World War I, the direct, friendly approach to the Moslem.

Europe.—In Europe where the churches seek for the needs of this day new forms of creative witness, our mission of fellowship center, under the leadership of Howard and Elsie Schomer, plays its important role. At the center many Christian bodies are brought together. May this serve as a radiant beacon of Christian life and human solidarity and comprehension.

CONVENTION HOME MISSIONS

The Board is happy to report the organization of three new churches within the Convention during the biennium—Hendersonville, North Carolina; Burlington, "Lakeview"; South Boston, Virginia. Prospects are bright for the growth of these churches. We are glad to report that prospects are good for the organization of

new churches in the Norfolk, Newport News, and Harrisonburg, Virginia, areas. Our churches and pastors in these areas are promoting these projects in cooperation with the Mission Board and our denominational Board of Home Missions.

We are gratified with the progress of our newly organized churches: Fayetteville and Lakeview churches, where their first buildings were completed in 1953; Burlington "Beverly Hills," where the Sunday School membership is nearly 200 and the church membership is approaching 125, and where construction on the church sanctuary was begun with ground-breaking ceremonies on Sunday, April 11, 1954; Burlington "Zion," where the Sunday School and church membership have grown substantially, and where the building has been greatly improved; Hendersonville, where the Community Church became the First Congregational Church affiliated with the North Carolina and Virginia Conference in 1953.

We congratulate Greensboro, "Palm Street," on the retirement of their new building indebtedness ahead of schedule; Norfolk, "Bay View," where a lovely Christian Education building was erected in 1953; Southern Pines, where a modern Christian Education building has been completed and the sanctuary beautified. Each of these churches was aided by the Board. Winston-Salem, previously aided by the Board, has come to self-support through the devoted loyalty of a faithful pastor and people.

The books of the Mission Board show for the biennium Home Mission aid has been paid to the following churches, in some instances with the financial support of our denominational Board of Home Missions:

Salary Aid, $28,389.39.—Bay View, Norfolk; Belew Creek and Salem Chapel; Bailey's Grove; Beverly Hills, Burlington; Carroll County Missionary; Chapel Hill; Elon College Community Church; High Point; New Lebanon; Mt. Bethel; Kallam Grove; Lakeview, Burlington; Timber Ridge and Virginia Valley Pastor-at-Large; Siler City; Big Oak; Virginia Valley Conference; Mebane; Zion, Burlington; Winston-Salem; Fayetteville; Ashville; Elm Avenue, Portsmouth.

Building Aid, $34,045.12.—Beverly Hills, Burlington; Carroll County Mission; Winston-Salem; Bay View, Norfolk; Lakeview, Burlington; Greensboro, First; Palm Street, Greensboro; Southern Pines; Fayetteville; Lee's Chapel; Liberty; Central, Norfolk (formerly Second); Hopedale; Zion, Burlington.

Special Aid, $9,208.44.—Franklinton Center; Beverly Hills, Burlington; Lakeview, Burlington; Fayetteville; Carroll County Mission; Elon College and Chapel Hill Churches (Student Ministry); Zion, Burlington; Hendersonville; etc.

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS, MINISTERAL RELIEF AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

During the biennium the Board has forwarded to the Board of Home Missions, New York, a total of $21,620.96, of which $16,904.32 was for Ministerial Relief and the regular work of the Board of Home Missions, and $4,716.64 for the Christmas Fund.

To the American Board, Relief and Reconstruction, and the Congregational Christian Service Committee we forwarded the sum of $50,421.60 for the biennium.

We paid to the Mission of our church outside the Southern Convention the sum of $72,042.56 during the biennium.

We wish to acknowledge particularly the generous gifts from the Woman's Missionary Convention; from our Reidsville Church in support of two foreign missionaries; from our First Church, Greensboro, for the continued support from the Cora Anthony Fund; and from Gibsonville, Shallow Ford, Rosemont, and other churches and individuals who gave "over and above" the apportionment for special foreign mission projects.

The Board anticipates an increase in Mission giving during the coming biennium, that we may meet opportunities for new churches within the Convention, give more generous support to our National Home Mission Program, and to meet urgent demands of the American Board for carrying the gospel to other lands.

THE CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND CAMPAIGN

We rejoice in the progress to date on the Congregational Christian Church Building Loan Fund Campaign, and it is our earnest hope that the churches of the Southern Convention will raise their full quota. To date, approximately $95,000 has been received in Declarations of Purpose. Our Church Building Society has been very generous with our churches in the Convention in loans and grants. More than $400,000 in aid has been received by our churches—$200,000 within the past five years. We recommend that our churches support the CBLF and that our Convention quota of $135,000 be fully subscribed. To that end we request that the Mission Board be permitted to continue to contact the churches not yet having made their Declaration of Purpose. We acknowledge the generous service of the Convention and Conference Committees. Let us help them succeed.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF

Effective with the 1952-54 biennium, the responsibility of the former Board of Superannuation has fallen to the Mission Board. We have endeavored to discharge that important responsibility, and have sought to serve our retired and disabled ministers and widows of ministers. The Board has among its members a Standing Committee on Ministerial Relief.

Receipts and Disbursements to the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions, New York, for the biennium—January 1, 1952, to December 31, 1953, was $14,298.51—$9,581.87 for the general work of the Division, and $4,716.64 for the Christmas Fund.

Grants.—Approximately $18,500 was paid during the biennium by the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions as regular pensions, emergency grants and Christmas Fund gifts to our Convention retired and disabled ministers, and to widows of ministers, as follows:

Ministers.—D. P. Barrett. Park W. Fisher, Thomas J. Green (deceased), I. W. Johnson, G. O. Lankford, D. R. Moffitt (deceased), J. L. Neese, C. E. Newman (deceased), N. G. Newman (deceased), R. L. Williamson.

Widows of Ministers.—Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. J. S. Carden, Mrs. W. Stanley Carne, Mrs. B. J. Earp, Mrs. James L. Foster, Mrs. W. D. Harward, Mrs. J. W. Knight, Mrs. Frank H. Lewis, Mrs. T. N. Lowe, Mrs. Ebbie Moffitt, Mrs. J. Frank Morgan, Mrs. C. E. Newman, Mrs. George Olejar, Mrs. Herbert Scholz, Mrs. Martha S. White, Mrs. W. C. Wicker, Mrs. L. L. Wyrick.

Let us not fail to support our aged servants of the Cross. A share of your church's apportionment gifts for National Home Missions goes to the Division of Ministerial Relief of our Board of Home Missions, and at Christmas time our Christmas Fund gifts make it possible for an extra "love gift" to those dear ones of the church.

We are grateful for the helpful and sympathetic services of Dr. Frank J. Scribner and Rev. Samuel Keck of the Division of Ministerial Relief.

We are gratified that the Southern Convention Group Insurance Plan effected in 1952 has been so successful. We urge our churches and pastors to continue their support of this helpful service our Convention and Conferences are sponsoring on behalf of our pastors, our full-time lay employees, and their dependents.

We urge our ministers to become members of the Annuity Fund of our denomination. It will be to their disadvantage not to be members of the Anuity Fund. We urge our churches to pay their full share of the annual dues to the Annuity account of their pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman.*
WM. T. SCOTT, *Executive Secretary.*

NOTE: Timothy Chang is continuing his studies at Ohio State University, where he is working for his Ph. D. in Poultry. He is eagerly looking forward to the time when he can return to his native China to serve Christ as a Christian minister, and at the same time serve them as an expert in poultry.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FUNDS:	*Beginning Balance*	*Receipts*	*Disbursements*	*Balance*
Convention Home Missions	$ 2,825.69	$ 80,211.86	$ 74,343.69	$ 8,693.86
National Home Missions and Ministerial Relief (Superan. 1952)	347.20*	17,681.45	17,188.36	840.29
Christmas Fund	150.10*	4,566.54	4,716.64	.....
Foreign Missions and R. & Relief .	825.92	57,388.58	55,519.25	2,695.25
Totals	$ 4,148.91	$159,848.43	$151,767.94	$12,229.40
Less bequests, bank loans, and sale of Franklinton parsonage		21,303.50		
Net Contributions		$138,544.93		

SOURCES OF RECEIPTS

Sale of Franklinton Parsonage	$ 9,500.00
Apportionment	69,543.31
Woman's Board and Young People	33,576.98
Board of Home Missions	10,435.50
Cora L. Anthony Trust Fund—Greensboro, First	3,554.47
Reidsville Church	5,335.00
Relief and Reconstruction	1,015.79
Easter and Cent-a-Meal	3,334.16
American Board	850.00
Fonville Bequest	5,000.00
Wolfe Car repayment	1,875.00
Bank Loan	4,928.50
Individuals and Miscellanous	10,899.72
Total Receipts	$159,848.43

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Assistant Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 6

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During the past two years your Board of Christian Education has found an increasing task. For this we are greatful, yet time has not permitted the accomplishments of all of our hopes.

State-wide Pilgrim Fellowship meetings have been held and this year we are planning a Convention-wide Pilgrim Fellowship meeting on April 24 and 25 at Burlington, North Carolina. The several Conference Pilgrim Fellowships have regular meetings, some quarterly and some twice a year.

Emphasis has been on Leadership Training. Local and area Leadership Training Schools have been held throughout the Convention. A definite attempt has been made to train our Sunday Schools to see and use the Pilgrim Series lesson material, for we believe this is the best available anywhere. Superintendents of Sunday Schools have met; this year we have attempted to include all of those interested in Christian Education in these Superintendents' meetings. We recommend a Committee on Christian Education in each local church.

Students in colleges and universities are claiming our attention. A North Carolina Congregational Christian Student Conference is now planned for April 24 and 25 at Quaker Lake in North Carolina. We desperately need a person to visit and advise with our Congregational Christian students in all of our colleges and universities. Elon College is our own college and many of our young people are there.

*Transferred to Mission Board responsibility after 1952 Convention session.

It is recommended that each church hold a Student Recognition Service the Sunday after Christmas, when most students are home.

We urge your support of Elon College. It is necessary that we build new dormitories and a new dining hall. To have a college like Elon in our midst is to keep before us the need of Christian Education of our young people. No college can do this better than a Church-related College like Elon College.

Summer camps and conferences for our youth are increasing. This year we plan to hold seven such camps. We look forward to the day when Moonelon will be available for such meetings. Then we can schedule events to fit the needs; now, we just take what is given to us as far as time goes. If this Convention votes to place the responsibility of Moonelon on this Board, we hope each church will pay the apportionment on Christian Education, part of which will care for Moonelon's current expenses.

Film strips and films are provided the churches to develop the work of Christian Education. A Leadership Training Kit has been most useful; a new kit on Youth work is now available. Order these and others through Pattie Lee Coghill's office at Elon College.

The charter for the Board is being revised and will be presented to the Convention or its Executive Board for approval before being sent to the State of North Carolina.

W. J. ANDES, *Chairman.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 1952, TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

Receipts

Beginning balance, January 1, 1952			$ 2,178.59
Apportionment:			
Churches	$7,113.29		
Sunday Schools	770.26		
		$7,883.55	
Summer Student Service		636.72	
Sunday School Conventions		3,891.04	
Miscellaneous		30.25	
Board of Home Missions:			
Summer Student Service work	600.00		
Ministerial scholarships	180		
		780	
Leadership Training Schools		50.00	
			13,271.56
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance			$15,450.15

Disbursements

Convention Fund—Subsidy	$9,000.00	
Ministerial Scholarships	187.50	
Summer Conferences	375.00	
Board and Committee meetings	282.50	
Summer Student Service and Leadership Training	1,593.67	
Administrative expense	63.50	
Miscellaneous	211.90	
Sunday School Conventions	71.50	
Total Disbursements		11,785.57
Balance		$ 3,664.58

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Assistant Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 7

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

The chief responsibility of the Board of Publications would be conceded by those best informed to be "the publishing of *The Christian Sun,*" because the fact is that every other interest of the Southern Convention would be jeopardized if for any reason the publishing of *The Christian Sun* should be discontinued.

From the earliest recollection of us all, we have heard about the precarious status of *The Christian Sun*—its financial problems and the uncertainty of its future—as if *The Christian Sun* was a liability instead of an asset. But the fact has been and is now that because of the heavy burden of service which *The Christian Sun* has always carried in behalf of every department of the Southern Convention, *The Christian Sun* has always been and is the greatest asset of our church in the South. Indeed, the life and perpetuity of the Southern Convention depend upon *The Christian Sun.* And because of that fact, it is the responsibility of the churches of the Southern Convention and of the Southern Convention per se to provide for the continuance of *The Christian Sun.*

First, your Board of Publications would recommend that the Southern Convention as such, and each of its individual departments, go the very limit in the ensuing biennium in subsidizing the publication of *The Christian Sun,* and

Second, for a Convention-wide campaign in which every pastor whose church has not accepted plan "A" or "B" presented by Supt. Scott, would at least put on an intensive campaign to double the *Sun's* subscription list in his parish.

During the past year, the Managing Editor, Mr. J. T. Kernodle, has also served as Editor without any compensation. Various pastors have been requested to serve in writing Guest Editorials gratis, and gladly responded. But the person responsible for doing the work of Editor should receive some remuneration for his services. If such compensation had been made the past year, whatever deficit now obtaining would be increased accordingly.

Supt. Wm. T. Scott conceived the desirability of inviting the pastors and the other leaders in the Convention to attend "A Hearing" on *The Christian Sun* to council with the Board of Publications on ways and means to promote the interests of our paper. Said Hearing was held at Henderson, North Carolina, on March 16.

It was plainly evident that few if any of the group attending the Hearing would favor any plan of sending the paper free into all the homes within the Southern Convention, the local churches voluntarily, or the Southern Convention through its apportionment schedule to underwhite the cost—the sentiment expressed being that what people receive free is usually considered to be of less importance than what they pay for. Indeed, free subscriptions to church papers have not proved to be practical in the experience of numerous churches and denominations that have adopted such a plan in promoting their periodicals. "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink"—and just so, "you can send *The Christian Sun* into all the homes of the Southern Convention, but you can't insure that it will be opened or read."

What is required is to quicken the interest of our people in *The Christian Sun,* so that they will want it and will subscribe to it.

We believe that the securing of an Editor of *The Christian Sun* would be a big factor in promoting the interests of the paper along the line.

We recommend that the Board of Publications be instructed to prepare an annual budget and necessary subsidies for publishing *The Christian Sun,* the same to be presented to the Executive Board for approval.

ROY C. HELFENSTEIN, *Chairman,*
SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND,
S. E. MADREN,
CLYDE L. FIELDS,
JAMES H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
W. W. SNYDER,
Board of Publications.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

JANUARY 1, 1952, TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

Balance, January 1, 1952			$ 715.07
Receipts			
Apportionment:			
Churches	$3,393.52		
Sunday Schools	272.95		
		$3,666.47	
Subscriptions		9,429.65	
Subsidies:			
Christian Orphanage	$2,100.00		
Convention Home Missions	624.92		
National Home Missions	125.00		
Foreign Missions	749.92		
Mission Board Admistration and Promotion	500.00		
Elon College (includes special issue)	1,851.63		
		5,951.47	
Cuts		188.48	
Individuals		26.00	
ANNUAL account		2,311.77	
Interest on bonds		30.00	
Manuals		44.28	
			21,648.12
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance			$22,363.19
Disbursements			
Central Publishing Co., Inc.—*Christian Sun* account		$16,783.47	
Editorial expense		800.00	
Meetings, postage and miscellaneous		882.54	
Convention Fund—reimbursement		48.75	
Central Publishing Co., Inc.—ANNUALS		2,275.70	
Acme Printing Co.—Manuals		448.00	
First Federal S. & L. Association—endowment fund		335.05	
Total Disbursements			$21,573.51
Balance			$ 789.68
ANNUAL account		$ 41.87	
Endowment fund		15.00	
Current fund		732.81	
		$ 789.68	

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Assistant Treasurer.*

NOTE: Accounts receivable to March 31, 1954, amount to $1,883.20; Balance in Treasury, March 31, 1954. $1,144.71. The Board of Publications Endowment Fund of $414.14, is on deposit at First Federal, Burlington, N. C. The Board also holds six $100.00 U. S. Savings Bonds, Series G., maturing in twelve years. They are C2704,949G, May, 1944; C2704,950G, May, 1944; C3250,710G, Dec., 1944; C3578,-966G, June, 1945; C4139,000G, Feb., 1946.

EXHIBIT 8

REPORT OF THE RURAL CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Rural Church Committee in cooperation with the Division of Church Extension and Evangelism of the Board of Home Missions of our Congregational Christian Churches conducted an institute for Rural Ministers on January 12-14, at

the Brick Rural Life School, Bricks, North Carolina. Parts of the institute were open to Ministers of the Convention of the South in attendance at a training session being conducted at the same time.

The attendance at and reaction to the institute indicate serious consideration should be given to making such an institute a regular project of the Rural Church Committee.

The Rural Church Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That the Rural Pastor's School at V. P. I. and the Pastor's School at Deering, New Hampshire, be commended to our Rural Ministers.
2. That our Churches observe Rural Life Sunday.
3. That, where it is practicable, the "Lord's Acre" program be initiated.
4. That our rural churches cooperate with social and state agencies working for the betterment of rural life.
5. That use be made of the "Parish Workbook" put out by the Town and Country Department of the Board of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR., *Chairman,*
FRED P. REGISTER,
JOHN ROBERT WALKER,
M. A. POLLARD,
RALPH M. GALT,
J. K. LANDRUM,

Committee.

EXHIBIT 9

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP

By reading over the reports of this Commission to the past several sessions of the Convention, one finds little left to merit recommending.

The time was when there were so many things we did not know about Christian Stewardship and its purposes and possibilities, resolutions were drawn in an effort to stimulate research and trial. No longer is that so. No longer de we need to recommend and resolve on the Convention and Conference level, but to take what we know and begin practicing it on the local church level under the enthusiastic leadership of the local pastor who can find abundant materials for any church situation, and can secure good outside help for the efficient conduct of Stewardship Institutes and Canvasses. The following figures will prove how true this conclusion is.

Though we cannot compare progress by similar answers in past years, every pastor in the Convention was asked to answer two questions on his church reports to Conference for 1953. Two questions were asked: 1. Does your church, or churches, have an annual budget? 2. Does your church, or churches, have an annual Every Member Canvass? Here are the results:

Valley of Virginia Conference.—Churches having budgets, 2; with no budget planned, 13; not answering, 5; Churches conducting annual Every-Member Canvass, 3; no canvass, 12; not answering, 5.

Eastern Virginia Conference.—Churches having budgets, 31; with no budgets, 9; not answering, 3; Churches conducting annual canvasses, 23; no canvass, 16; not answering,4.

Eastern N. C. Conference.—Churches having budgets, 17; with no budgets, 11; not answering, 15; Churches conducting annual canvasses, 11; no canvass, 15; not answering, 17.

Western N. C. Conference.—Churches having budgets, 12; with no budgets, 14; not answering, 8; Churches conducting annual canvasses, 2; no canvass, 23; not answering, 9.

N. C. and Va. Conference.—Churches having budgets, 31; with no budgets, 15; not answering, 3; Churches conducting annual canvasses, 15; no canvass, 22; not answering, 12.

This analysis is most revealing. It clearly points out what our possibilities are. Whose fault is it that so little is being done in so many of our churches?

The Convention Office and your Commission have cooperated in holding Stewardship Institutes for pastors, and in otherwise promoting the cause of Christian Stewardship. According to reports in hand only one church that went all-out for a good institute and followed with a well-planned canvass, failed to reach its goal, and that shortage will be overcome through loose offerings. Such a program has been tried in every type of church, and it can be as successfull in an open country church as in a city church. All it needs is a trial, followed up by sound educational principles. Stewardship is not a financial spasm to meet emergencies. It is a way of life, for all men, and for all churches.

We most heartly commend the action of the Convention in employing a Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism. If the pastors will back this individual up and use him in our churches, a great many of the above figures can be changed to more favorable ones, and the financial needs of our total program can and will be met, and new souls born into the Kingdom. We urge all pastors to begin now their plans for Stewardship Institutes and canvasses in their churches this fall.

JESSE H. DOLLAR,
WILL B. O'NEILL,
F. C. LESTER,
MARK W. ANDES,
E. J. ROHART.

EXHIBIT 10

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION

In the Manual of our National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women the purpose of an organization of church women is spoken of as "helping women to cultivate the spirit of Christ, beginning with their own lives and reaching out into home and community and the uttermost parts of the earth." As a part of our national Fellowship, which includes 700,000 Congregational Christian women, our Woman's Missionary Convention has been seeking to do this through a program of worship, education, service and giving.

During the biennium of 1952-54 all rallies and conferences were held. Each year a School of Missions, with a well-rounded program and excellent leaders, has been held at Elon College. Plans are now nearing completion for our Ninth Annual School of Missions which will be held at Elon College, July 13-16, 1954.

The Twenty-First Biennial Session of the Woman's Missionary Convention was held at the First Church, Burlington, on April 28, 29, 1953. The reports given there showed that splendid work had been accomplished in all departments.

The Treasurer's report for the biennium showed that our women had contributed $34,079.65 to the church's program and missionary enterprises. (This was an increase over the previous biennium as the reports included money received for only seven quarters, as we changed our fisical year to coincide with the calendar year.)

Our Thank Offering was designated for the Japan International Christian University, and amounted to $2,803.30. The 1952 Thank Offering for our Carroll County work amounted to $4,355.75.

The Life Membership and Memorial Funds for the past and the present biennium are designated for Franklinton Center. Since Franklinton is being relocated at Bricks, the funds from our Life Memberships and Memorials will be used toward the restoration of the Chapel there in the new location.

It was voted at the Burlington Convention that the Staley Memorial Scholarship Fund of $7100 (invested in government bonds) be turned over to Elon College for administration—these funds to become a part of the Elon College trust funds.

Friendly Service gifts have been sent to many places, both at home and abroad.

We have been represented at the meeting of the General Council (Claremont, California), the Mid-Winter Sessions of the Missions Council, and the National Assembly of United Church Women.

This report includes only a portion of our work. We rejoice in our task and continue our journey along the King's highway. There we find "that the paths of service extend into every area of human life, with the individual, with the family,

with our immediate neighbors, with those in physical and spiritual need whether they be near or far, and with human beings as individuals, groups and nations around the world in our common search for a creative and enriching fellowship with God."

MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS, *President.*

EXHIBIT 11

REPORT OF THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The laymen of the Southern Convention are on the march! Since our last report we have been granted permission to have a laymen's column in *The Christian Sun.* The column is edited each week by our very efficient Vice-Chairman, J. Earl Danieley.

The first one thousand dollars ever raised by the Laymen's Fellowship was recently sent to the Convention Treasurer for Moonelon. We hope this is the forerunner of many thousands of dollars our laymen's groups will raise for the work of the Southern Convention.

Practically all our churches observe Laymen's Sunday on the third Sunday in October.

Work packets were sent to all churches to help them with the laymen's work. These packets included suggestions for programs and organization of laymen's groups. This has been a great help for our laymen, as reports show that more laymen's groups have been formed in the local churches.

We have held our Mid-Winter Rally at Elon College each year of the past biennium. Each year we have planned an educational program for our men, and we have had a record attendance.

With few exceptions our Conferences have held their Laymen's Rallies and report good programs and good attendance

The laymen are planning to hold a "Work Day" at Moonelon on June 5. At that time we hope to have at least three hundred men in attendance. They will build roads and clear land, doing things to "dress up" the property for our young people this summer.

The following officers were elected at our Mid-Winter Rally held at Elon College on Sunday, February 14, 1954, and will serve for the next two years: Chairman, W. B. Williams; Vice-Chairman, J. Earl Danieley; Secretary-Treasurer, S. H. Pell.

We believe you will hear great things in the next two years from the laymen. We look forward to the increased interest of our laymen in the work of the local church, the Conferences, and the Southern Convention.

W. B. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 12

REPORT OF THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Southern Convention Youth Fellowship, while endeavoring to carry on a program which is in keeping with the purposes and plans of the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship, has striven to strengthen itself by inviting into the organization the young people of all our churches, whether an organized group or not, and by giving spiritual and material assistance to those who wish to be a part of the organization.

Two delegates attended the Eighth National Council in 1952, held at Pomona College, Claremont, California. At this meeting the Three Commissions Plan was adopted (Faith, Action, and Fellowship). Curtis Young was elected National Chairman of the Faith Commission. The Three Commission Plan was incorporated in the plans of the Southern Convention Youth Fellowship at a meeting of the officers and advisors in the late summer of 1952.

In this biennium the Philippines project, begun in January of 1951, was concluded. The last bill for the expenses of Jose Dabuet's schooling here in the United States was paid. Mr. Dabuet returned home in August of 1952. The chief home mission project was Moonelon.

The Youth Fellowship has adopted a plan whereby a Convention-wide meeting will be held every two years and State Rallies the alternate years. In 1953 the Conferences held highly successful State Rallies with Nick Piediscalzi, National President of the Pilgrim Fellowship, as speaker. In April of 1954, the Convention-wide meeting was held in Burlington. The topics included the plans for the coming biennium, election of officers, and plans for representation at the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship to be held later in the year.

It has been the work of the Youth Fellowship to carry on a program that challenges the highest development of Christian character, that calls forth young people to give their best to their Christ and to His Church.

PHILLIP MANN, *President.*

EXHIBIT 13

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

Most good sermons have three points. Similarly, your Conference Committee on the Ministry looks upon its task in a three-fold manner.

(1) First, there is the challenge to encourage the ministers now serving the churches to keep up their studies and research. Naturally, in the rush and pressure of duties and church activities, this is not easy. In response to numerous requests from men in the field, a study conference and retreat was planned at Camp New Hope last May. The ministers of the Convention spent two days together in study and discussion of some of the basic themes of Christian faith. Those who attended were so gratified with the conference that they voted to hold another this spring, May 10-12. It is hoped that all ministers of the Convention will plan to attend.

(2) The second area of concern is pointed up in the reprint of an address made by Dr. Raymond Calkins, a veteran minister of the Congregational Christian Churches. In remarking about the ministry as a calling Dr. Calkins says, "He (the minister) has placed on him a well-nigh superhuman task. . . . . His salry is likely not to exceed the pay of skilled workmen or even that of unskilled laborers. It will barely enable him to live day by day in a manner suitable to his profession."

At two practical points the minister's task may be lightened by understanding lay people. (1) Relief from the pressure of details which may be shared with other persons. (2) Relief from personal financial strain. It is recommended, therefore, that a responsible committee in each local church conduct a through and prayerful study of the question, "What can be done specifically to release the minister from these pressures and allow him to devote his full energies to the work God has called him to do?"

(3) A third area concerns the recruiting and training of new ministerial leadership. Would that your Convention Committee might report that the supply of your ministers has been increased to the point where each unit of work is assured of well-trained and effective leadership and that new work may be opened with assurance that there is available leadership.

But alas, every person present knows that no such report could be made. It is doubtful if the group of young men now in training is suffiently large to take care of normal retirement, to say nothing of expanding needs of our Convention. Some of these young ministerial candidates are being drafted into active service during their all-too-short days of preparation.

Your committee, therefore, urges that the local churches and ministers, denominational and educational officials, keep this matter on top of the desk at all times. More specifically, it is recommended that a student conference be set up for the express purpose of presenting the work of the ministry to young people of our churches.

FERRIS E. REYNOLDS, *Chairman,*
L. E. SMITH,
R. A. WHITTEN,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
STANLEY C. HARRELL,
E. C. BRADY,
W. B. O'NEILL.

EXHIBIT 14

REPORT ON MOONELON

Since the Durham meeting of the Convention, the property of Moonelon, consisting of twenty acres of land with numerous improvements, located one quarter mile from the center of Elon College, North Carolina, has meen administered by the Moonelon Committee of the Southern Convention, so authorized by the vote of the Convention.

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Neese of Bradenton, Florida, served as custodians and supervised activities over the summer months of 1952 and 1953. Our sincere thanks go to this devoted couple who occupied the lodge and performed service beyond the call of duty in making many repairs and improvements with a very limited budget. The swimming pool was used by hundreds of persons who came as church, college, or orphanage groups. Some overnight retreats, work days and numerous picnics and outings have taken place. Through the fall and winter months various college organizations have used the lodge for parties and outings.

On March 14, 1954, a ground-breaking ceremony was held on the site of the proposed central building. Plans for the same have been drawn and several planning sessions have been held by various groups of the Laymen's Fellowship, which is sponsoring construction. Interest in this project is mounting at all levels of our laymen's work, local, conference and Convention-wide. A Convention Laymen's Work Day has been set for June 5, 1954, with the hope that a large group of men will assemble for actual construction purposes.

The proposed building calls for slag-block, concrete floor, and wooden trusses, with asphalt shingle roofing. The over-all dimensions are 40 by 60 feet, with a spacious front porch. It is thought that about $15,000, plus some donated materials and labor, will complete this structure and give the Convention a building worth at least $20,000.

Following the completion of the main building, it is hoped that cabin faicilities for 100 young people may be constructed at once so that our Youth Conferences may be held at Moonelon over the summer months of 1955.

The Moonelon Committee recommends that the Convention place this entire holding under the care and supervision of the Board of Christian Education. The Convention will continue to hold the title to the property, with the Board assuming the responsibility of administration and program.

In order to have money available for the overhead expense of Moonelon, the Committee has recommended to the Board of Christian Education that it request the Convention through the Finance Committee to add $1,000 to the Christian Education apportionment.

Your Committee has produced several pieces of promotional printed matter during the biennium and has appeared before numerous groups on behalf of our Conference Center's development. It is our judgment that if the people of the churches will grant adequate support to our building program over the next few months, equipment will be added to our holdings that will pay tremendous dividends to the life of our churches and represent the most significant material development that has come to the Convention in many years.

HENRY E. ROBINSON, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 15

REPORT OF ELON COLLEGE

Religion and education compliment each other. Religion without education could become superstitions and fanatical. Education without religion could become pagan and progressively destructive. The Christian Church was born in a wave of evangelism under the preaching of the apostle Peter. The church was stabilized and indoctrinated under the sanity and rationalization of the apostle Paul.

The Christian Church, our denomination, at its beginning was warmly evangelistic. In 1889, a definite program of education was adopted. Elon College was founded and the church began to instruct and train its own leaders. Beginning with an idea and a plan, the College has developed into an effective institution of Christian

higher education, so that today, we are able to present a College with adequate instructional facilities and a full curriculum of studies in the field of higher education. At Elon College, we are training by far the greater number of our pastors and a good percentage of the leaders of our local churches, conferences and Convention.

The following are pertinent facts relative to the College in which members of the Convention, the church at large and the general public should be greatly interested.

1. *Physical Plant.* There has been no particular change in the physical plant during the past two years. We are encouraged to know, however, that facilities for instruction are excellent and sufficient for a small liberal arts college, with a possible exception of library facilities, which must be enlarged as early as possible. Living conditions on the campus for boarding students are below par. The one great responsibility facing the Trustees, the church, the alumni, and all who are interested in Elon College is to provide suitable dormitories and a dining room for the convenience and comfort of our students on the campus.

2. *Faculty.* Elon College has an excellent faculty; 42 men and women who are specialists in their respective fields. They are admirably fitted for their work as instructors in higher education from the standpoint of training and experience. There are some replacements that must be made. These changes will be effected during the summer, and an improved faculty will be ready for responsibilities at the opening of the College in September.

3. *Student Enrollment.* The Board of Trustees of Elon College is on record not to permit enrollment in the College to exceed 1,000. During the peak of enrollment following World War II, Elon's enrollment exceeded 900 for the regular session. Enrollment for the current year is interesting. At the beginning of the Winter Quarter, the College enrolled one more student than it lost by graduation, failures and drop-outs. This had never occurred before. At the beginning of the Spring Quarter, we gained 21 more than we lost; another record broken. For the Spring Quarter, we have 707 students on the campus. The total enrollment for the year amounts to 771. Prospects for the summer enrollment and the regular college year, beginning in September, are indeed promising, all of which is encouraging. The discouraging factor about it is the failure of many of our own church people to patronize their own College. It isn't because we do not have a good school or good facilities. Others patronize the College and succeed. This year Elon College has one graduate in the University of South Carolina on a scholarship of $1,350 a year. A member of our Senior Class has been awarded a scholarship of $1,350 to Duke University, and another member of our Senior Class has been awarded the Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina which amounts to $1,500 a year. These honors are awarded on the basis of personality, scholarship and citizenship. Unfortunately, not one of these students is a member of our church.

4. *Endowment.* Since 1942, $300,000 has been added to the College's endowment, making a total of approximately $530,000. This is a very small endowment for a college of the size, achievements, standing and influence of Elon College. We must, as quickly as possible, increase our endowment to $1,000,000. The income from endowment fluctuates between $22,000 and $25,000 annually. The College also has $375,000 in invested funds from which it receives between $27,000 and $28,000 annually. Invested funds represent faculty houses and veteran's apartments. A limited amount is invested in stocks and bonds. The principal of this money may be used for current expenses or as collateral for loans necessary for improvements and current operations. The principal of endowment funds must be held clear of all incumbrances or obligations of any kind. These funds are trust funds and must be held inviolate.

5. *Finances.*

A. Capital Funds: The total financial value of Elon College, including buildings, grounds, farm lands, stocks, bonds, endowment, invested funds, is $2,813,588.76. Fortunately, there is no indebtedness against the College with the exception of the recent obligations to the Town of Elon College for the construction of a sewer system. This indebtedness is $15,800.

B. Current Funds: The current fund budget of Elon College is $410,000. The budget is met as follows:

(1) Student tuition and fees, which amount to approximately seventy-five percent of the budget.

(2) Conference apportionment of $15,000, and the Sustaining Fund of $1 per member (approximately $35,000). From these two sources, through the Convention Office, the College received during 1953 a total of $23,915.24. In 1952 the College received a total of $23,851.47, making a grand total of $47,755.71 for the biennium.

(3) Endowment and invested funds. From this source the College receives approximately $50,000 annually.

(4) Contributions outside of the Southern Convention, churches, the Division of Christian Education, and the Palmer Fund, which amount to approximately $3,000 a year.

6. *Needs.* I presume that Elon College has never faced a day or ever will face a day when it is not conscious of its needs, many of which could be met by money. We dislike the word "money" except when it is coming our way. Fortunately, for us as individuals and the church as a whole, we must give financial support to Elon College. At present, we need to add a minimum of $500,000 to Elon College's endowment fund. We need $1,000,000 for the erection of four dormitories and a dining room. We need a swimming pool attached to the gymnasium, and a stadium for athletic and other events. These added equipments would cost us approximately $200.000.

7. *Plans.* In 1946, plans began to take shape to provide funds for the future Elon College. At that time, a campaign was launched to secure $1,000,000. In 1948 the fund to be raised was increased to $2,000,000. In 1952 the figure was increased to $2,500,000 These amounts and campaigns were authorized by this Convention on corresponding dates. To date, $1,337,667.32 has been secured in cash and pledges. (Cash, $1,201,417.32; pledges, $136,250.00, approximately.) This campaign is to be completed by 1956. There will be unpaid pledges certainly at that date, but the plan calls for the campaign itself to be completed by December 31, 1955, during which time, according to plans, we shall secure this full amount in cash and pledges.

8. *Cooperation.* The plan adopted presents a tremendous undertaking on the part of Elon College's constituency. It does challenge our resources, our loyalty, our generosity and our faith. The above plan, however, is no more challenging than the cause that it represents and the needs of Elon College, our College.

The need for dormitories and a dining room on Elon's campus is imperative and immediate. The Board of Trustees of the College recognized this need, and has voted on two occasions authorizing the College administration to make application to the United States Government for a loan of $650,000. The application has been made, approved in principle, and the money set aside for Elon College, pending completion of the application. Conditions as I understand them at this stage of the negotiations are:

The loan to bear 3½ percent interest per annum, two years payable in advance, to be amortized over a period of forty years, if desired. The loan may be paid at any time without penalty.

Surety required: The College will be required to incumber the buildings for which the government lends the money, including the ground on which the buildings stand, and an easement from the highway to and from the buildings.

In addition, the College will be required to pay two years' interest in advance; amount $45,500. This will be deducted from the $650,000, leaving $604,500, which will be paid to the College in lump sum. The College will be asked to give assurance that the regular payments will be made for the first six years. At the end of the six year period, the College will be required to have accumulated two years annual payment, principal and interest, which will be approximately $65,000. Either that or the College may give additional security to the government to guarantee the two years' payment. Whatever assets the College may give for this security will be left in the hands of the College, and the College will collect and receive the income therefrom.

Some thirty or more of our pastors of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches met in Henderson, North Carolina, and voted favoring a plan

to ask the churches in North Carolina to raise $150,000 over a period of three years for Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys; and the churches in Virginia to raise $150,000 over a period of three years for Virginia Hall, a dormitory for girls. This money and all money received on the Two and One Half Million Dollar Campaign fund would go to retire this loan. In other words, this is our first and only obligation until this loan is paid in full.

Suggested Action

1. Approve the completion of the Two and One Half Million Dollar Campaign fund for the College by December 31, 1955, and authorize the Convention to cooperate with the administration of the College in forming an organization for the conduct of the campaign.

2. Approve the action of the Board of Trustees of Elon College in applying for the loan of $650,000 from the government for the purpose of erecting two dormitories and a dining room on the Elon College campus and call upon our people to cooperate in plans to secure the necessary funds.

3. Approve Tuesday, September 21, as Founders' Day, at which time the campaign to complete the Two and One Half Million Dollar Fund for the College will be launched.

L. E. SMITH, *President.*

EXHIBIT 16

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

In order that our churches may the better work on a regular benevolence budget system, your Finance Committee has endeavored to devise a plan for reducing the number of special appeals. To this end it has been necessary to increase the apportionment to a more realistic figure. You will note that the total Annual Apportionment recommended for Convention causes, National Home Missions and Foreign Missions is $143,0000. Since the total contributed in the Conference Year 1952-53 was $130,-013 for these causes, we believe the increase is not beyond our ability, if we will take seriously the principles of Christian Stewardship. You will note that the budget provides for the employment of the Stewardship and Evangelism Secretary, who we hope may be on the job before the fall of 1954. We urge the Conferences and churches to undertake joyfully the apportionments recommended.

We recommend the following Annual Apportionments and Budget for the 1954-56 Biennium—effective with the Conference Year 1954-55, and in order that the churches may be advised in advance of the Conference sessions of the increased apportionments, we recommend the Conference Executive Committees and Apportionment Committees take proper action thereon:

	Conference	*Women*	*Authorized Specials*	*Total*
Convention Home Missions and Church Extension	*$ 20,000.00	$ 3,750.00	.....	$ 23,750.00
Christian Orphanage	20,000.00	.....	$25,000.00	45,000.00
Elon College	35 000.00	.....	.....	35,000.00
Christian Education	6,000.00	.....	.....	6,000.00
Convention Fund	25,000.00	.....	.....	25,000.00
Ministerial Scholarship	1,500.00	.....	.....	1,500.00
The Christian Sun	5,000 00	.....	.....	5,000.00
Per Capita Dues	7,000.00	.....	.....	7,000.00
Nat. H. M. & Ministerial Relief	11,000.00	3,750.00	.....	14,750.00
Foreign Missions	12,500.00	7,500.00	†7.500.00	27,500.00
Totals	$143,000.00	$15,000.00	$32,500.00	$190,500.00

*Includes total Mission Board administrative expenses currently shared by National Home Missions and Foreign Missions. It will make for better bookkeeping if these expenses are carried in one fund.

†Includes Foreign Mission projects now being supported by churches in addition to apportionment; also leaving place for new projects that may be chosen.

1. We recommend that the $143,000 be apportioned to the Conferences and distributed as follows (effective with the Conference Year 1954-55):

	Valley	*E. Va.*	*E.N.C.*	*W.N.C.*	*N.C.-Va.*	*Total*
Convention Home Missions & Ch. Exten. .	$ 1,700	$ 7,400	$ 2,360	$ 1,700	$ 6,840	$ 20,000
Christian Orphanage ...	1,280	5,400	4,300	2,020	7,000	20,000
Elon College	2,240	12,953	4,900	2,660	12,247	35,000
Christian Education	495	2,175	803	495	2,032	6,000
Convention Fund	2,000	8,575	3,350	2.500	8,575	25,000
Ministerial Schol.	125	500	225	150	500	1,500
The Christian Sun	375	1 750	625	500	1,750	5,000
Per Capita Dues	532	2,373	1,183	805	2,107	7,000
National Home Mis. and Ministerial Relief ..	935	4,070	1,300	935	3,760	11,000
Foreign Missions	1,072	4,281	1,429	1,072	4,646	12,500
Totals	$ 10,754	$ 49,477	$ 20,475	$ 12,837	$ 49,457	$ 143,000

2. We recommend an Annual Operating Budget of $29,500, effective January 1, 1955, for Convention Leadership, Promotion, Stewardship and Evangelism Secretary, and the Convention Office, to be administered by the Executive Board of the Convention.

Proposed Sources of Income:

Convention Fund	$ 25,000.00
Board of Christian Education	4,500.00

3. We recommend that the Board of Publications prepare an annual budget and subsidy schedule for publishing *The Christian Sun,* and present same to the Executive Board for approval.

4. It is recommended that boards and institutions pay the amounts specified for *The Christian Sun* and the Operating Budget of the Convention Office in monthly installments; and that appropriations from boards and institutions begin January 1, 1955, and run through the fiscal year ending December 31, 1956.

5. Elon College has made commendable progress and advancement. Our college has served our constituency well. The place of the denominational college and the church in higher Christian education has never been in greater need of support. Our support of Elon College needs to be greater, both in material and human resources. It will be noted that the Sustaining Fund was set up as an emergency measure four years ago. In lieu of the Sustaining Fund as a "special" for the approaching biennium, we recommend an increased apportionment for Elon College. We recommend an annual apportionment of $35,000 for Elon College.

The Convention at its last session reaffirmed the special campaign for Elon College and approved increasing the campaign to $2,500,000. We urge the constituency of the Convention to cooperate with the college authorities in the campaign to raise these necessary funds, that our college may be strengthened,

6. The Christian Orphanage. We recommend for the Christian Orphanage an annual apportionment of $20,000; and that the Convention authorize the Orphanage to raise during the Orphanage Period an "Authorized Special" of $25,000 annually from the Convention constituency for building rehabilitation and current budget purposes, such "Authorized Special" gifts from the Convention churches, organizations and individuals to be channeled through the Southern Convention Office and credited to the churches in a special column of THE ANNUAL. We recommend that this "Authorized Special" be a ceiling on special funds to be raised from the church constituency of the Convention for current operations.

We further recommend that the Convention authorize the Christian Orphanage to raise $20,000 per year from non-Convention sources for building rehabilitation purposes.

7. The Mission Board. We recommend an annual apportionment of $20,000 for Convention Home Missions and Church Extension; $11,000 for National Home Missions and Ministerial Relief; and $12,500 for Foreign Missions; these funds to

be supplemented by the generous gifts from the Woman's Missionary Convention as shown above.

We further recommend an annual "Authorized Special" for Foreign Missions of $7,500, such "Authorized Special" to be channeled through the Convention Office and credited to the churches in THE ANNUAL.

In view of the fact that the quota for the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign of $135,000 has not been subscribed, and since the churches of the Convention will need aid from our Congregational Christian Church Building Society if they are to expand their facilities as needed. and further, since it is a matter of self-respect that we pay our full quota to the CBLF, we recommend that the Mission Board be permitted to seek "Declarations of Purpose" from churches not having yet made declarations, and to complete the quota of $135,000.

8. We recommend that all churches be urged to raise their Missions and Benevolent Funds through a budget, supported by the Every Member Canvass, for their entire Conference Apportionments. Churches which do not raise their entire apportionments by this budget should receive a special Offering for Missions at Easter, a special Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphanage, a special Christmas Offering for Ministerial Relief, and a special Offering for Elon College during the College Period. Until the regular contributions are sufficient to meet apportionments, churches should seek to raise the apportionments in full by seeking special gifts from individuals.

9. We recommend the continuance of the present plan of regular monthly offerings for Missions and the Orphangae, and the Fifth Sunday Offering for Elon College, to be taken by the Sunday Schools, until the amount of the apportionment for each shall have been raised in ful, thereafter all benevolent contributions from Sunday Schools should be allotted to the other items of apportionments which have not been raised in full. Contributions from Sunday Schools should be forwarded through the designated channels and credited on the respective Conference apportionments.

It is recommended that all contributions from churches, church organizations, and from individuals be credited either to apportionment or "Authorized Special" and so reported in *The Christian Sun* and THE ANNUAL. When the apportionment and/or "Authorized Special" is reached, that fact should be noted and observed, with no other appeals. Approved capital and permanent funds may be sought from individuals, but not through churches or church organizations, except as they may have special approval of the Convention or the Executive Board.

10. We recommend that the Orphanage, the Mission Board and Elon College be authorized to make appeals for contributions, each during the period herein designated, as follows: Elon College—January, February, September and October; Missions—March, April, May and June; Orphanage—November and December; that Communion offerings may be received for Ministerial, Relief and that at Christmas a special offering may be taken for the "Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross," said offering to be forwarded to the Division of Ministerial Relief of the Board of Home Missions, New York, as an emergency fund and extra appropriation to the superannuates. It is recommended that the practice of making appeals to churches, Sunday Schools and Auxiliaries for material or financial gifts at other times during the periods designated, be discontinued.

11. We recommend that the Board of Christian Education be authorized to appeal for offerings on Children's Day from Sunday Schools, and from individuals during July and August.

We recommend that all funds contributed by churches, church organizations, or by individuals of churches of the Convention be credited to their churches, be transmitted to the Convention Treasurer through the Convention Office; that the Convention Office report such gifts to the Secretary of the Conference in which the local church holds membership; and that each local church be furnished with quarterly reports of all funds sent from that local church for Convention enterprises, together with the balances due.

12. During the past biennium several churches have followed the practice of sending contributions to the Convention Office with the request that they be distributed proportionally to all apportionment items. We commend these churches in this practice and recommend it to all the churches of the Convention for their favorable consideration.

13. The Finance Committee was requested to prepare a formula whereby Conference Apportionment Committees might work out the distribution to the churches of the various benevolence items adopted by the Convention as the part each respective Conference should have in raising Convention benevolences. Such a formula has been prepared, based upon the previous record of the local church for a three-year period, as to membership, amounts raised for Convention benevolences, and the amount spent on church expense. This formula is available upon request to the Convention Office.

14, The Southern Convention Office and the Treasurer of the Convention have submitted regular statements of the accounts to the Chairman and to the Executive Board. These financial records have been audited by Owen, Hogan and McMillan, C. P. A., Burlington, N. C. We recommend that the financial report of the Southern Convention Office and the Treasurer be approved as audited.

STANLEY C. HARRELL, *Chairman*,
GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH,
CLYDE W. GORDON,
A. H. MCIVER,
S. H. BASNIGHT,
K. B. DOFFLEMYER,
S. H. PELL,
I. L. MCDOWELL,
MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE,
S. T. HOLLAND.

EXHIBIT 17

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Committee of two appointed by the Board of Christian Education, as authorized by the Convention, has met jointly with the Ministerial Loan Fund Committee as provided by vote of the Executive Board We have found that this joint Committee serves a useful purpose. Therefore, we recommend that item 4 of the Ministerial Loan Fund report be adopted by the Convention.

Grants of approximately $100 annually are made to students needing aid and who are regularly enrolled in college or seminary. These are secured by negotiable notes, but which notes are cancelled with interest provided the beneficiary continues in the Congregational Christian ministry for at least a period of five years immediately following college or seminary graduation. The note and agreement provide that said student must continue in his educational preparation, or the note becomes due and payable with interest immediately.

We acknowledge with gratitude the action of the Eastern Virginia Conference in merging their Scholarship Fund with that of the Convention.

The Treasurer's Report is given below.

HENRY E. ROBINSON,
KENNETH D. REGISTER,
Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 1952, TO DECEMBER 31, 1953

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1952		$1,740.10
Receipts		
Eastern Virginia Conference	$2,409.85	
Church Apportionments and Board of Home Missions, N. Y.	2,944.30	
		5,354.15
Total Receipts and Beginning Balance		$7,094.25
Disbursements		
Grants for 1952-53 and printing expenses		$3,721.25
Balance		$3,373.00

GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH, *Treasurer.*
EDNA M. FITCH, *Assistant Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 18

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE

By writing Guest Editorials on "Evangelism and the Devotional Life" for the columns of *The Christian Sun,* and by distributing among the pastors special Evangelism literature, as well as by personal correspondence on the part of the Chairman of this committee in answering inquiries from pastors relative to ways and means of promoting the work of Evangelism under various local situations, we have sought to keep "The Work of Evangelism" and "The Deepening of the Spiritual Life" before the churches throughout the past biennium. The chairman of the committee regretted having to decline an invitation from the National Council of Churches to be one of the Guest Speakers last March on the Preaching Mission at the Naval Air Base in Norfolk, and similarly having to decline an invitation from the Ministers Association of Everett, Pennsylvania, to hold a Union Preaching Mission in that city in January.

Perhaps there is nothing new to offer in the field of Evangelism, except a new and higher concern on the part of both the laity and the clergy. We have talked about Visitation Evangelism for the past twenty or thirty years as if it were a new technique in Evangelism, but the truth is that Visitation Evangelism has been practiced by the churches ever since Andrew introduced his brother Simon to Jesus. Visitation Evangelism is really not a new technique in Evangelism, but in the past two or three decades this old type of Evangelism has received a new emphasis and new expression.

Your Committee on Evangelism believes that the various techinques in Evangelism are of less importance than the Spirit of Evangelism—the passion to share the blessing of Christian faith and to enlist others in the fellowship of the church—for church members and pastors who possess the evangelistic urge and who are possessed by The Evangelistic Passion will find a way to give that urge expression just as naturally as the day follows the night.

Your Committee on Evangelism believes that the type of Evangelism that is the most workable in the respective communities and churches is the type that should receive the major emphasis. In some communities and in some churches the major emphasis will be upon mass Evangelism or the Revival Meeting. In other churches the major emphasis will be upon Educational Evangelism, which includes the Pastor's Class; Pastoral Evangelism; The Preaching Mission; Lay Evangelism; etc. But every layman and every pastor and every church is called of God to "Do the Work of an Evangelist." Evangelism is not an elective for any pastor or for any layman or for any church. Evangelism is "A Must." The Particular method used is not so important as is "the doing of the work."

Evangelism is the recruiting work of the Kingdom—the enlisting of new recruits in Kingdom Service. Every church member and every pastor, and every church has a definite responsibility in this important work of the Kingdom.

ROY C. HELFENSTEIN, *Chairman,*
O. D. POYTHRESS,
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,
THURMAN BOWERS,
MRS. W. E. WISSEMAN,
MELVIN DOLLAR,
T. D. SUTTON.

EXHIBIT 19

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND CAMPAIGN

The Church Building Loan Fund Campaign committee of the Southern Convention is deeply grateful for the great amount of fine work which has been done by the members of the Conference committees and by all the friends of the Campaign throughout the Convention.

We have not yet reached our goal in the Convention or in the various Conferences. We are now at the point where we need the sympathetic understanding and the full cooperation of all the members of the churches of the Convention. We hope that all members of churches which have signed Declaration of Purpose will help to explain the significance and the impact of the campaign to those churches which have not yet signed Declarations.

This is our opportunity and our responsibility to bear our Christian witness in these crucial days by helping to extend the Kingdom of God through providing desperately needed funds for the building of churches in areas where people are now without churches and for expanding and improving churches which are now woefully inadequate We cannot fail to sieze this opportunity or to accept this responsibility.

The Southern Convention has been signally blessed by our denominational boards and agencies in a myriad of ways. We have received many times more than we have contributed. We must recognize now that it is imcumbent on us to share a little of our resources with others throughout the denomination who need our aid, cooperation and understanding.

The Southern Convention Committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude to all who have cooperated in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. We earnestly solicit your continued efforts so that this important and far-reaching project may be successfully completed. Will you please give of your energy and your talent in this necessary work?

M. T. GARREN, *Chairman.*

SUMMARY OF QUOTAS—SHOWING BALANCE NEEDED
TO APRIL 23, 1954

CONFERENCE:	*Quota*	*Accepted*	*Balance*
Virginia Valley	$ 5,736.00	$ 3,553.00	$ 2,183.00
Eastern Virginia	51,000.00	44,663.00	6,337.00
Eastern North Carolina	17,690.00	11,836.00	5,854.00
Western North Carolina	11,476.00	4,889.00	6,587.00
North Carolina and Virginia	50,522.00	31,049.50	19,502.50
Totals	$136,454.00	$ 95,990.50	$ 40,463.50

EXHIBIT 20

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, the members of the Committee on Nominations, wish to place in nomination the following:

Officers of the Convention—President, Jesse H. Dollar; Vice-President, George D. Colclough; Secretary, Henry E. Robinson; Treasurer, Walter L. Cooper; Historian, J. W. Barney; Editor of *The Christian Sun,* S. C. Harrell; Managing Editor, J. T. Kernodle; Superintendent and Registrar, Wm. T. Scott.

The Executive Board—1. Conference Representatives, Class of 1958: Eastern North Carolina, Miss Susie D. Allen; Western North Carolina, F. C. Lester; North Carolina & Virginia, W. E. Wisseman; Eastern Virginia, Clyde L. Fields; Valley of Virginia, C. A. Phillips.

2. Members-at-Large, Class of 1958: Mrs. W. W. Sellers, S. H. Basnight.

3. Board and Auxiliary Representatives, Class of 1958: We recommend that the Executive Committee of the Executive Board be empowered to elect the representatives nominated by the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Publications, and the Laymen's Fellowship, and to approve any change in the representatives of the Mission Board, the Woman's Convention and the Youth Fellowship.

The Board of Christian Education—Class of 1956: W. J. Andes; Class of 1958: J. E. Danieley, George O. Alley, Jack P. Shoffner, John S. Graves, Henry V. Harman.

The Board of Publications—Class of 1958: S. T. Holland, F. C. Lester, Melvin Dollar.

We recommend that the Board co-opt as members ex officio, without vote, for the biennium, the President of the Convention, the Chairman of the Mission Board and the Chairman of the Board of Christian Education.

The Mission Board—Class of 1956: Rex Powell; Class of 1958: Mrs. Russell V. Powell, H. E. Robinson, R. T. Grissom, Carl E. Wallace, W. M. Stevens, H. L. Carnes, Ralph M. Galt.

O'Kelly Foundation Trustees—Class of 1958· S H. Basnight, L. L. Vaughan, J. W. Barney.

Trustees of The Christian Orphanage—Class of 1960: Dr. J. P. Cross, Dr. H. B. Kernodle, W. J. Ballentine, C. D. West, N. C. Monroe.

Trustees of Elon College—Class of 1958 (Two nominated by the Convention to the Board of Trustees of Elon College, of which they will elect one): J. L. Crumpton, W. E. Wisseman.

Class of 1960 (Twenty-four nominated by the Convention to Board of Trustees of Elon College, which will then elect twelve): S. H. Basnight, John Boland, R. T. Bradford, Roy Charles, Geo. D. Colclough, William P. Davis, Jesse H. Dollar, D. R. Fonville, John R. Foster, Mills E. Godwin, Jr., S. T. Holland, Miss Susie Holland, V. R. Holt, R. A. Maynard, Clarence Phillips, Rex Powell, J. E. Rawles, Jr., J. H. Rountree, W. R. Savage, W. W. Sellers, A. C. Shearer, Cyrus Shoffner, W. M Stevens, Nathaniel Talmage.

In reference to the various Boards mentioned in this report and nominations to them attention is invited to Article VIII, Section 4, of the Constitution of The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Incorporated, which states: "The Superintendent shall be a member ex officio, without vote, of all Convention Boards and Committees, and of Boards of Trustees of Elon College, the Christian Orphanage, and of the Boards of other Convention Institutions. . . ."

The following recommendations are proposed for action:

1. It is recommended that the President of the Convention ordinarily serve for a single term of two years and that so far as is possible the office be rotated between members of the clergy and the laity.
2. It is recommended that the Executive Board undertake a study for future action of the question of whether a person should serve on more than one Board of the Convention and its Institutions, with the exception of the Executive Board.
3. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of Elon College be empowered to fill such vacancies as might occur during the biennium from the list of nominees submitted by the Convention.
4. It is recommended that the Executive Committee of the Executive Board be empowered to elect the delegates to the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR., *Chairman,*
ROBERT A. WHITTEN,
J. E. DANIELEY,
R. T. GRISSOM,
S. H. BASNIGHT,

EXHIBIT 21

CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE REPORT

During the biennium the Orphanage cared for 117 children. Of them, 27 were released to private homes, 4 graduated at the high school and 3 of them went to work, 1 went into training to become a nurse, 1 died and 1 was married. At present we have 4 in the armed service of their country, and there were 80 at the Orphanage at the close of 1953.

Operating income during the biennium was as follows:

The churches	$ 54,579.26
Federal Government	3,797.83
County Welfare	5,798.80
The Duke Endowment	5,786.61
Parents and relatives	3,418.11
Others	46,899.17
From outside sources	$120,379.78
Cash from farm	19,770.74
Total	$140,050.52

Presented herewith are auditors' reports and farm reports for the two years. Both years of the biennium have been dry years. Last year we suffered a severe drought. Total cash from farm in 1952 was $12,111.65, and in 1953 it was only $7,659.09.

At the present time there is being completed the beautiful Holt Memorial Chapel. This is a gift of the family of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Kirk Holt. The Chapel will be of inestimable spiritual value to every child and worker in the Orphanage family throughout the years to come.

At present there are 81 children at the Orphanage and they are well and happy. They are given a good home, good training and high ideals. Gratitude is expressed for all the consideration given by the Convention, churches and individuals and the aid given by outside organizations, business, individuals and agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Superintendent.*

EXHIBIT 22

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

The Death Angel has invaded the ranks of the official family of our Convention during the past biennium and taken from us several of our ministers. Time and space will permit only an all-too-brief tribute to their character and service, far inadequate in proportion to what they were and the work they did.

DR. CHARLES EVERETTE NEWMAN

Charles Everette Newman was born on his father's farm in Isle of Wight County on May 30, 1874, and died at his home in Virgilina on October 9, 1952. He attended the public schools near his home until he was 14 years of age, when he had to leave school to help his father on the farm. He joined Oakland Christian Church at the age of 13 and his name was kept on the Church roll until his death.

In 1893 he entered the Preparatory Department of Elon College, passed from it into the College itself, and graduated in 1899. After a brief term as a teacher in a private school in South Norfolk (Berkley), he was first licensed and then ordained to the ministry. He did graduate work at Princeton Seminary in 1903 and 1904. After serving churches in the Eastern Virginia and the North Carolina and Virginia Conferences, he became pastor of a group of churches around Virgilina, including Union (Virgilina), Hebron and Liberty in Virginia, and Lebanon in North Carolina. He remained as pastor here for thirty years, until his retirement in 1946, and con-

tinued to live in Virgilina until his death in 1952. In recognition of his ability and service Elon College conferred upon him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Newman was a quiet, modest, soft-spoken, thoughtful, scholarly man. He was a builder, not only of churches but of men. He loved people. He had a deep sense of loyalty to Christ and the church, and an inflexible devotion to duty. He was pure in heart, strong in faith, rich in wisdom, sturdy in character, spiritual in nature. He was in every sense a man of God, faithful and fruitful in all things, both as a preacher and as a pastor and as a priest of God in holy things. We honor him for what he was and what he did.

DR. N. G. NEWMAN, SR.

Nathaniel Gross Newman, Sr., brother of Charles Everette Newman, was also born on the home place in Isle of Wight County on February 13, 1868, and passed away in Raleigh, North Carolina, on January 17, 1954, at the age of eighty-six. He was educated in the Suffolk Collegiate Institute, Graham Normal School and Elon College, graduating from the latter institute with a Magna Cum Laude citation. He later took graduate work at the University of North Carolina, and at Chicago and Columbia Universities or Seminaries. After ordination in 1892, he began a ministry that was characterized not only by length of years but by a high quality of service. In addition to serving churches in Eastern Virginia—he served as pastor of Holy Neck three times—he served as college pastor at both Defiance College in Ohio, and at Elon College in North Carolina. After his retirement in 1937 Dr. and Mrs. Newman returned to his farm near Everett's Bridge. After Mrs. Newman died in 1940 Dr. Newman continued to live at this home place except during the winter, which he usually spent with his daughter, Mrs. Carlyle Campbell, and family, in Raleigh. He was a regular attendant at Oakland and took an active interest and part in the affairs of the church. By dint of much research and hard labor, he carefully marked every lot, and the unmarked graves in the church cemetery, and thoroughly cleaned up the entire cemetery, which was renamed in his honor, The Newman Memorial Cemetery. He was much in demand as a supply pastor and as an interim pastor in several near-by churches. He devoted a great deal of time and energy in his latter days to compiling a history of many of the churches in the Conference, and in a study of genealogy. He had a remarkable memory for names and places and dates. That he maintained the desire to learn and the spirit of enterprise and adventure to the last was evidenced not only by his conversation and his public utterances, but by the fact that during the last two years of his life, he went to the General Council by bus to California, and also attended the International Council of Congregational Churches in Scotland, later making an extended tour of several of the countries of Europe, making at least one part of the journey by plane.

Like his brother Charles, Dr. Newman was a man of unquestioned integrity of character. He lived in such a way that "the ministry was not blamed" to paraphrase Paul's words. He was neat in appearance, quiet, modest, soft-spoken, dignified, devout. He read widely and thought deeply and spoke wisely. He loved God and he loved people. He was a Biblical preacher and a great pastor. He was a sympathetic and warm-hearted counsellor, a man of clear head and warm heart. Friendly in spirit, chaste in speech, fair in judgement, sincere and simple in character, people loved him, believed in him, followed him. He was a good and faithful and fruitful minister of Jesus Christ. Thanks be unto God for him, and for his brother Charles, and his brother John—these three. How incalcuable is the service they rendered and the influence they wielded for our Church and the Kingdom of God!

REVEREND THOMAS JACKSON GREEN

Thomas Jackson Green was born in the Parks Cross Community in North Carolina, on December 31, 1873, and died on March 26, 1954, at the age of 81 years. He spent practically all his life on the old home place engaged in farming in which he was quite successful. At the age of 38 he felt the call to the ministry, combining from that time on his farming with the ministry. He studied at Elon College and served churches nearby. For over thirty years he served as pastor of churches in North Carolina. He was especially gifted in evangelistic work and was much in de-

mand to assist in revivals by his fellow-ministers. He also served as an official of his Conference. He had a capacity for hard work and the willingness to do it. He was held in high regard because of his Christian character, his friendly spirit, his earnest preaching, his pastoral care, his wholesome influence, and his good life. A good and faithful servant of God has fallen asleep, but his good works do follow him.

DR. ROBERT LEE HOUSE

Robert Lee House was born near Franklinton, North Carolina, on June 9, 1906. He received his early education from his mother who was a school teacher, and who taught him in the home. When he was ten he entered Mt. Olivet Grade School, and later drove the first school bus in Franklin County. Although he had planned to enter Elon College, he finally decided to go to Duke and entered that University in the fall of 1925. He took his A. B. degree in three years and then spent another year in doing graduate work. He later took graduate work at Union Seminary in New York. He was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Elon College in 1951. He was eminently worthy of this honor by virtue of his character and his career.

While in Duke he served churches in the Eastern North Carolina Conference. His first full-time pastorate was at Newport News, where he served for five years. He did a constructive, substantial work there and laid the foundation for much of the growth and development of the church in succeeding years. After serving acceptably and successfully as pastor of the First Church in Portsmouth for four years, he accepted a call to the Christian Church of Richmond. In this difficult field, made so by a scattered membership and a heavy debt which was a burden on a comparatively small membership, he exhibited qualities of leadership that was impressive and which were recognized throughout the denomination. He left the church free of debt, well-organized, and spiritually alert and active. While serving at Richmond, he became Editor of *The Christian Sun,* which position he filled until his death, and in which he evidenced fine talent as an editor and a religious journalist. The excellence of his work with *The Sun* was recognized not only within the bounds of the Southern Convention, but in the larger fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches.

In November, 1949, he left the Richmond Church to become pastor of the Church of the Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines, North Carolina. After making a recovery from a heart attack in the late summer of 1952, he died while listening to President Eisenhower's inaugural address in January, 1953. Thus at the early age of forty-seven a life already full of achievements, and bright with the promise of even better things was cut short. From the human standpoint it seemed so tragic. But the Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

The one word that seems best to describe the man and his life is the word "big." He was big of stature and was big in his seemingly endless energy and his capacity for work. He was big of mind. He read widely and well, and he thought deeply and wisely. He was big in sympathy. He was interested in so many things and he did so many things. Nothing that concerned his church or the cause of Christ was foreign to his interest. He was big in spirit, and in heart. There was nothing petty or provincial about him. His big heart was big enough to take in all that his big mind brought to it. Measured by any true standard for judging a man, Robert Lee House was a big man. And he devoted and consecrated all his talents and energies to the service of God and his fellowmen. Like his Master, he went about doing good.

He was sincere, friendly, human, adventurous, alive, eager, and thoughtful. He had a fine sense of humor. He was a fine and even a great preacher. He was a good pastor. He was a gifted writer with a vocabulary that was the despair of the average writer, and at times of the average reader. He was a true leader. He was a Christian statesman. He was a Kingdom builder. He was a great family man. He was a Christian gentleman. He was one of Christ's good workmen who needed not to be ashamed of his work. God be thanked for Robert Lee House.

REVEREND D. RUFUS MOFFITT

Mr. Moffit who for many years combined industrial work with a preaching ministry, passed away during the biennium. He served churches, off and on, in the bounds of the Western North Carolina Conference, for thirty-three years or more. Many of the churches in that Conference were blessed by his ministry. He was a good man, sincere, honest, consecrated. He was faithful to the church, to the Conference, and to God.

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!
O blest communion, followship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia!
And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia!

H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Chariman.*

EXHIBIT 23

REPORT OF THE O'KELLY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The work of restoring the O'Kelly Family Cemetery has been delayed until such time as an all-weather road to the cemetery could be secured. Consent has been given by all owners of property which will be involved to the building of the road, and negotiations are now under way with the highway officials. A meeting of the Trustees is set for May 16, to decide upon what work shall be undertaken to restore the cemetery and the grounds adjacent thereto.

STANLEY C. HARRELL,
MISS LILLIE D. FOWLER,
MISS MARGARET HALL,
S. H. BASNIGHT,
KENNETH D. REGISTER,
Trustees.

EXHIBIT 24

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S HOME COMMITTEE

We feel that the erection of the Superintendent's Home has been a good investment for the Convention. The funds used to repay the loan of $9,000 from the Building Society of our Board of Home Missions instead of rent has accured to our benefit. The sum of $4,725 has been paid on principal, leaving a balance of $4,275 to be paid as of March 31, 1954, to retire the loan. This balance is being paid at the rate of $900 per year on principal, plus interest at 3 per cent on the unpaid balance. These payments are included in the Convention Fund budget.

GEORGE D. COLCOUGH, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 25

REPORT ON GROUP INSURANCE PLAN

On December 31, 1951, the Group Insurance Plan of the Southern Convention with the Home Life Insurance Company of New York went into effect for pastors, ministerial Convention and Conference officials, full-time lay employees of the churches and institutions of the Convention, and their dependents (wife, and or children under 19 years of age).

We believe this Group Insurance Plan provides at a reasonable rate needed protection for our church servants. Four of the Convention's Conferences pay the premium on the pastor's coverage, while the Eastern Virginia Conference voted to refer the matter to each church for action.

The benefits are:

1. *For Pastors*: $2000 life insurance, double indemnity for accidental death ($1000 life insurance for those over 65 years of age); $7 per day for hospital bed; up to $70 for "Other" hospital expenses; and up to $200 for surgical.
2. *For Full-Time Lay Employees*: $1000 life insurance, double indemnity for accidental death; $7 per day for hospital bed; up to $70 for "Other" hospital expenses; and up to $200 for surgical.
3. *For Dependents of "1" and "2"*: $6 per day for hospital bed; up to $60 for "Other" hospital expenses; up to $200 for surgical. ($60 for maternity cases.) No life insurance for dependents.

The benefits paid have been generous: *Life Insurance*—2 claims for pastors; *Hospitalization claims*—pastors, 24; dependents, 37; *Surgical claims*—pastors and full-time lay employees, 16; dependents, 24.

The Home Life Insurance Company has been prompt and courteous in paying claims totaling $10,299.90 in two years, while we have paid premiums totaling $13,743.69 during the same period. It need not be stated that the margin for the Home Life has been small. We refer you to the facts of premiums paid and claims paid as shown below:

COVERAGES:	*Premiums*	*Claims*	*Loss Ratio*
Life—1st year	$2,405.78	$1,000.00	42%
2nd year	2,623.14	2,000.00	76%
A. D. & T.—1st year	191.54	.....	.....
2nd year	208.86	.....	.....
Employee, Hospitalization	896.89	949.90	106%
2nd year	984.37	1,034.10	105%
Employee, Surgical—1st year	478.35	350.00	73%
2nd year	525.01	360.00	69%
Dependent, Hospitalization—1st year	1,481.14	1,374.30	93%
2nd year	1,520.28	1,269.60	84%
Dependent, Surgical—1st year	1,198.33	802.00	67%
2nd year	1,230.00	1,160.00	94%

NOTE: Dividend on Life Premiums amounted to $263.09.

The above figures and our excessive claims will give the reason we face an increase in premium rates by the Home Life Insurance Company as of July 1, 1954. We give below the rates, both old and new. We believe it will be a grave mistake for us not to keep this protection. (For your information, we have consulted with two other insurance companies, and they have made no offer to take our plan.) It would be a real harship for some of our church servants for the plan to be discontinued. Some of our pastors, for instance, are uninsurable, while others' ages would make regular insurance rates prohibitive. Comparison of rates and benefits with other insurance companies or hospital plans will show, we believe, that we have a *good* plan. We had better keep it!

For pastors under 65 years of age old annual rate for $2,000 life insurance, with accidental death benefits, plus hospitalization and surgery benefits, was $49.44. The new rate will be $53.00, and increase of $3.56 per year.

For pastors over age 65 years, $1,000 life insurance, plus benefits as above, the old rate was 33.50. The new rate is $38.00, an increase of $4.50 per year.

The rate for dependents, hospital and surgical benefits has been increased from $45.72 to $57, or $11.28.

It is very important that *all* of our eligible pastors and dependents be enrolled. In this manner, the younger and older men will help balance out possible further rate increases. This plan is set up along lines of the commercial organizations, where all are required to participate. We made no such requirement, but it was expected that all pastors, at least, would be willing to cooperate for the benefit of their brethren. The insurance plan has added considerably to the responsibility and work of the Superintendent and the Convention Office, but we are glad to do it because we feel it is a service that ought to be rendered. We do earnestly request all pastors and churches to give their helpful cooperation to and participation in the plan.

Rules Governing Group Insurance Plan Participation

I.—Qualification for Enrollment and Eligibility:

A. A Minister or Conference or Convention Official to qualify:

1. Must hold Ministerial standing in one of the Conferences of the Southern Convention, being enrolled as ordained or licensed. Pastors should hold their membership in the Conference where they serve churches.
2. Must be regularly called as pastor of a church, elected or employed within the Convention.
3. Must be certified to Convention Office as eligible by Conference Secretary or President.
4. Must make application to Convention Office for enrollment in the plan within 30 days of his eligibility—date of his transfer or receiving standing as ordained or licensed pastor.
5. The above qualifications are conditioned upon Conference or employing church or institution paying required premiums within the prescribed due dates, and further provided that churches served by pastor shall pay their Insurance or Conference Fund.
6. Supply or interim pastors will not be enrolled.

B. A Full-Time Lay Church Employee to qualify:

1. Must be regularly employed full-time in a church within the Convention, a Conference, the Convention, or one of its institutions.
2. Must be certified as eligible by pastor or other official of the church where employed.
3. Must make application for enrollment in the plan within 30 days of his eligibility.
4. The premiums must be paid by his employing agency within the prescribed due dates.

C. Dependents:

Ministers and full-time lay employees may enroll their dependents (wife, and children under 19 years of age), provided application is made at the time of his own enrollment, or within the rules as set forth in the contract with Home Life Insurance Company, and further provided that the premiums are paid within the prescribed due dates.

II.—Premium Payments:

1. All premiums may be paid on a semi-annual basis, though it would save the Convention Office considerable time if paid on an annual basis.
2. The due dates of semi-annual premiums will be May 30 and November 30. *Protection will be discontinued on those premiums which are not paid as of July* 1 *and January* 1.
3. Conferences and/or churches, and individuals, for their dependents, will make premium payments to the Southern Convention Office, Elon College, N. C.

III.—Discontinuing Insurance:

1. If a person enrolled ceases to be a pastor or a full-time lay employee as above prescribed, his insurance and that of his dependents will cease after 31 days, unless special arrangement is made as provided in the contract with the Home Life Insurance Company.
2. If any coverage is dropped, reinstatement may not be made except by special arrangement as provided by the contract with the Home Life Insurance Company.

Recommendations

1. That pastors enrolled in the future not giving full time to the ministry or related Christian service (one who earns a part of his livelihoor at secular employment) be limited to $1,000 life insurance.

2. That no new pastor over 65 years of age, coming to the Convention after June 1, 1954, will be eligible for coverage.
3. That all eligible pastors and/or full-time church employees be requested to enroll on a Conference basis by July 1, 1954.
4. That all eligible pastors and/or full-time church employees be requested to participate for their eligible dependents by July 1, 1954.

While much of the work of the Group Insurance Puan has fallen upon the Superintendent and Miss Edna M. Fitch, Assistant Treasurer, we acknowledge the valuable counsel of Dr. Stanley C. Harrell and Dr. Henry E. Robinson, who with the Superintendent. were constituted a special Insurance Committee by the Executive Board. We have also called for counsel Rev. G. C. Crutchfield and Mr. J. V. Simpson, who are well acquainted with insurance. The Home Life Insurance representatives have at all times been available for counsel and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SCOTT, *Superintendent.*

EXHIBIT 26

THE SOUTHERN CONVENTION MINISTERIAL STUDENT LOAN FUND

This is to certify that Elon College, Custodian, holds the following assets of the Southern Convention Ministerial Student Loan Fund, as of April 20, 1954:

Past due notes receivable	$ 7,279.56
Current notes receivable	640.00
Due from Elon College General Fund	1.330.96
Cash balance in bank	112.68
Deposited with First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Burlington, N. C. (Savings Certificate)	10,000.00
Total Assets	$ 19,363.20

The above assets include receipt of $3,955.82 cash from the Eastern Virginia Conference Ministerial Educational Fund, repayment of loans, interest on savings certificate, balance of the Fund as reported to the 1952 session of the Convention, and notes.

ELON COLLEGE,
By /s/ W. E. BUTLER, JR.,
Business Manager.

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One loan has been made during the biennium. Through Superintendent Scott and Treasurer Colclough, several notes have been collected, and we have endeavored to collect past due notes as instructed by the Convention. We wish to acknowledge the receipt of funds and notes from the Eastern Virginia Conference, which merged their Ministerial Educational Fund with the Convention's Fund.

For your information, there are now four current notes totalling $640.00, which are subject to payment or renewal on an annual basis. The rest of the notes, amounting to $7,279.56, are past due, and some of these are as much as 43 years old. We expect to continue our efforts to settle all past due notes, and to keep the current loans on an annual basis.

We make the following recommendations to the Convention for action:

1. That we by vote express our thanks to the Eastern Virginia Conference for merging their funds with those of the Convention.

2. That the Committee be empowered to continue its efforts to settle all past due notes to the best advantage, as authorized by the 1952 session of the Convention.

3. The Southern Convention Ministerial Student Loan Fund is a Fund of the Convention. The present arrangement whereby Elon College serves as Custodian makes it necessary for both the College and the Convention to keep books on the account, thereby consuming considerable unnecessary time and effort. It is, therefore, recommended that the Convention Treasurer become the Custodian of these funds as

of June 1, 1954, and that Elon College be instructed to turn all assets over to the Treasurer of the Southern Convention, including the amount of $1,330.96 due from the General Fund of Elon College.

4. That the Ministerial Scholarship Fund and the Ministerial Student Loan Fund of the Convention Committees be consolidated—it being understood that the accounts of the funds be kept separate—that the Executive Board appoint the Committee, and that the Committee report to the Executive Board annually and to the Convention biennially

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Chairman*,
KENNETH D. REGISTER,
GEORGE D. COLCLOUGH,
L. E. SMITH,
WM. T. SCOTT,
Committee.

NOTE: The Executive Board authorized this consolidation as a trial, and it has been found to work satisfactorily, since both funds are designed to aid the same students needing aid.

EXHIBIT 27

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

The Committee has not undertaken any particular projects during the biennium. The report is not of tasks accomplished, but it is hoped that the report will direct attention to areas in which accomplishments can and should be achieved. The need for Christian witness and action is evident in the social order of which we are a part. Certain concerns perhaps are more pressing at the present time than are others.

Therefore:

1. We urge the churches of the Southern Convention to combat the extension of legal liquor traffic to areas now "dry," and the efforts to make it possible to serve liquor "by the drink"; and we urge the churches, when success appears probable, to seek by vote to do away with legal liquor in areas now "wet."

We commend the churches that have been engaged in this activity during the biennium.

2. We urge the churches of the Southern Convention to combat every effort to introduce legalized gambling into the States of North Carolina and Virginia, and to seek to drive it out in those localities in which it is presently situated.

The most pressing social problem of the moment in this area is that of race relations. In this regard, we submit the following recommendations for action by this Convention:

1. That the Convention request its several member Conferences to exchange Fraternal Delegates with the Negro Congregational Christian Conferences in their areas.
2. That the Convention request the Ministerial Associations of the Conferences to seek to meet at regular times with the similar groups of the Negro ministers; and that the Associations seek to become inter-racial or to form an inter-racial group for the area.
3. That the Convention by resolution make known to the Governors of North Carolina and Virginia its conviction that, in the event the Supreme Court rules that segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional, the ruling should be received in good faith and the system of public schools maintained on a non-segregated basis.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR., *Chairman*,
A. LANSON GRANGER, JR.,
R. L. JACKSON,
W. P. SMITH,
G. B. TWIDDY,
H. SHELTON SMITH,
Committee.

EXHIBIT 28

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Following is the Committee's report:

	Delegates	*Ministers*	*Visitors*	*Total*
Eastern North Carolina	16	11	12	39
Western North Carolina	7	8	3	18
North Carolina and Virginia	42	21	8	71
Eastern Virginia	57	29	107	193
Valley Virginia	8	3	2	13
Totals	130	77	137	344

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.,
WM. J. ANDES,
RICHARD L. JACKSON,
F. C. LESTER,
C. A. PHILLIPS.

Committee.

EXHIBIT 29

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

1. That we express by rising vote our sincere appreciation:

a. To the pastor and members of the Bethlehem Church for the generous hospitality given the Convention.

b. To the officers and committees for all the good work they have done during the past two years.

c. To Dr. Samuel N. Stevens, Dr. Raymond B. Dudley, Dr. Stanley U. North, the Rev. David H. Sandstrom, and Mr. William K. Newman, for their presence and for their inspiring messages.

d. To Dr. Wofford C. Timmons and others of our Convention who helped to make this Convention an inspiring experience for us all.

2. That we heartily approve the work of CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program), that we do what we can to promote it, and that we ask our church people to give generously in trying to supply food for hungry people around the world.

3. That we send our greetings to Revs. Clyde Fields, Robert A. Whitten and E. J. Rohart, who cannot be present because of illness.

WM. J. ANDES, CHAIRMAN,
W. P. SMITH,
FRED P. REGISTER,

Committee.

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BETHLEHEM CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TENTH LEGION, VIRGINIA, MARCH 25, 1954

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MORNING SESSION

The Twenty-Fourth Mid-Year Session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference met with the Bethlehem Christian Church. The session was called to order at 10: 00 a. m. by the President, Robert A. Whitten. The Worship service was conducted by the Rev. Cameron D. Hayes, pastor of the Timber Ridge Church.

Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates:

Ministers—Ralph M. Galt, Henry V. Harman, Cameron D. Hayes, R. E. Newton, E. J. Rohart, Robert A. Whitten, Walter B. Fuller.

Churches and Delegates

Antioch—E. A. Showalter, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Mrs. Ella Green.
Bethel—Mrs. W. A. Hensley, Mrs. Carroll Monger.
Bethlehem—J. Lawrence Rhodes, R. R. Sellers.
Beulah—Mrs. Virginia Michael, Clarence Michael.
Concord—Mrs. Dorman, Russell Smith.
Dry Run—
Joppa—
Leaksville—Noah Painter, R. O. Rothgeb, Mrs. Lena Rothgeb.
Linville—Mrs. Eva Hosaflock, Miss Agusta Rinehart.
Mayland—Thos. P. Stover, Bobby Spitzer, Mrs. Russell Simmers, Jr.
Mt. Lebanon—Mrs. Hoover Supples, Mrs. Mollie Omer.
Mt. Olivet (G)—Mrs. Helen Snow, Mrs. B. G. Snow.
Mt. Olivet (R)—Mrs. Dewey Bateman, Mrs. Jesse Lam.
New Hope—H. E. Liskey, Mrs. E. M. Spitzer.
Newport—Mrs. Leonard Higgs, Mrs. Madeline Kite, Mrs. Carol Foltz.
Palmyra—No Report.
Timber Ridge—Mrs. Vernon Whitacre, Mrs. Fred Oates.
Winchester—O. A. Bazzle, C. A. Pugh, Mrs. C. A. Pugh, Mrs. A. J. Spaid.
Wissler's Chapel—Judy Good, Donald Litten.
Wood's Chapel—Mrs. Austin Kipps, Mrs. John Kagey.

The following guests were introduced and voted deliberative members of Conference: Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. Leon E. Smith and Rev. and Mrs. Cameron D. Hayes.

It was voted that Rev. Cameron D. Hayes, who has been called to Timber Ridge Church to serve as their pastor, become a member of Conference in full standing, pending a receipt of his letter of transfer.

It was voted that the program be accepted as the order of this Conference.

Address: "Task of The Church," by Dr. Wm. T. Scott.

Church reports by the delegates.

Meditation and prayer by Rev. Ralph M. Galt.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference called to order by the President, Rev. R. A. Whitten.

Worship conducted by Rev. R. E. Newton.

Address: "Our Orphanage," by Dr. John G. Truitt.

Presentation of The Church Building and Loan Fund by Clarence A. Phillips.

Address: "Elon College," by Dr. L. E. Smith.

A list of the standing committees were read by the president. Clayton A. Pugh was appointed a member of the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy left by the death of Roy A. Larrick.

Cameron D. Hayes' name was added to the Committee on the Ministry.

It was moved that the Executive Committee be empowered to approve delegates to the Southern Convention.

RESOLUTION

Feeling that our conference has an opportunity for Kingdom building in Harrisonburg and therefore a responsibility for the beginning of work there:

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That we reaffirm our desire to promote and assist in organizing a Congergational Church in Harrisonburg.
2. That we request the Mission Board of the Southern Convention and the National Board of Home Missions and the Church Building and Loan Society to join with this conference in the promotion of the proposed new church in Harrisonburg.
3. That for the benefit of the new work in Harrisonburg we would receive most gratefully the proceeds from the Thank Offering of the Woman's Missionary Committee of the Southern Convention, should they see fit to designate their Thank Offering.
4. That the Executive Committee of the Virginia Valley Central Conference and pastors and the Mission Board of the Southern Convention be requested to survey and hold meetings immediately.

The preceeding resolution was passed.

The invitation by the Winchester Church to entertain conference was accepted.

The secretary of conference was authorized to pay for the additional copies of *The Christian Sun* which were feature issues of the Virginia Valley Central Conference.

Rev. Ralph M. Galt's expenses to the Virginia Council of Churches were authorized to be paid.

R. A. WHITTEN, *President.*
C. A. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

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WINCHESTER CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 13-14, 1954

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THEME: *"Rise Up, O Men of God."*

"Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."—II Timothy 2: 3.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The one hundred sixth annual session of the Virginia Valley Central Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with the Winchester Church, Winchester, Virginia, Wednesday and Thursday, October 13-14, 1954.

Conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the President, Rev. R. A. Whitten. The President and host pastor gave a cordial welcome to all.

Worship conducted by Rev. Cameron D. Hayes.

Enrollment of Churches and Delegates by the Secretary, as follows:

ENROLLMENT

Ministers—R. A. Whitten, E. J. Rohart, R. E. Newton, H. V. Harman, R. M. Galt, C. D. Hayes, W. B. Fuller.

Churches and Delegates

Antioch—E. F. Showalter, Mrs. E. F. Showalter.
Bethel—Mrs. Homer Alger, Mrs. James Frazier.
Bethlehem—Mrs. T. W. Good, J. Lawrence Rhodes.
Beulah—Report by letter.
Concord—Mrs. Galen Salyards, Miss Vada Golliday.
Dry Run—W. M. Burke, Mrs. W. M. Burke.
Joppa—Mrs. Nellie Ward, Miss Ezylean Nicholson.
Leaksville—Mrs. E. Lena Rothgeb, Mrs. Maggie Rothgeb.
Linville—Miss Bertha Kratzer, Mrs. Eva Hosaflook.
Mayland—Mrs. Florence Spitzer, Mrs. Thomas Stover.
Mt. Lebanon—Mrs. Betty Supples, Miss Nellie Comer.
Mt. Olivet (G)—Report by letter.
Mt. Olivet (R)—Report by letter.
New Hope—Mrs. O. W. Vanpelt, H. E. Liskey.
Newport—Vernon Foltz, Mrs. Vernon Foltz, Leonard Higgs.
Oak Dale—No report.
Palmyra—Mrs. Shirley Oliphant, Mrs. W. D. Baker.
Timber Ridge—Mrs. Fred Oates, Mrs. Walter Oates, Mrs. Minnie Muse.

Winchester—Mrs. Grover Daugherty, O. A. Bazzle, Mrs. H. F. Nelson.
Wissler's Chapel—
Woods Chapel—Mrs. Austin Kipps, Mrs. Florence Day.

The following visitors were recognized by the President: Rev. and Mrs. John F. McClelland, Dr. Leon E. Smith, Dr. John G. Truitt, Rev. W. J. Andes, Rev. Fred P. Register.

Dr. John G. Truitt was granted time to pass out Thanksgiving Envelopes to pastors and delegates.

Mrs. A. W. Andes, President of the C. M. A., was granted time to make request for C. M. A. dues so that the Secretary-Treasurer could have her report completed for the Thursday session of the C. M. A.

Address: "We Must Be Building," by the Rev. John F. McClelland, pastor of Christ Congregational Church, Silver Springs, Maryland.

Adjournment for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFERNOON

The Conference was called to order at 1:45 p. m., by Secretary C. A. Phillips.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Henry V. Harman.

Message to Conference, by Dr. Wm. T. Scott, Superintendent.

(Dr. Scott's message was read by the Secretary, as Dr. Scott was in Cleveland, Ohio, attending the meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, as the one Superintendent representing all of our Conferences and Conventions of the Southeast.)

Address: "Elon College, Our Church's Institution," by Dr. L. E. Smith, President of Elon College.

Report of Mission Committee. Exhibit 1.

"Our Work at Home," by R. O. Rothgeb.

"Our Work Abroad," by Rev. Ralph M. Galt.

In the absence of President Donnie Litten, the Pilgrim Fellowship report was made by Betty Showalter. Exhibit 2.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
7:30 O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude by Miss Mary Ruth Whitten.

Worship Service by Rev. Robert A. Whitten.

Address—"Stewardship and the Soul," Rev. Fred P. Register, Secretary, elect, of Stewardship and Evangelism of the Southern Convention.

"A Communion Meditation," Rev. L. E. Smith, D. D.

Holy Communion.

THURSDAY MORNING

Call to order at 9:45 a. m., by President R. A. Whitten.

Worship Service—Rev. R. E. Newton.

Minutes of previous session of Conference were read and approved.

Conference recessed for a meeting of the Confernce Missionary Association. Mrs. A. W. Andes, presiding.

Conference reconvened.

Address: "Love and Understanding for Little Children," by Rev. John G. Truitt, D. D., Superintendent, the Christian Orphanage.

Report of the Apportionment Committee. Exhibit 3.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Call to order at 1:45 p. m., by President R. A. Whitten.

Worship Service—Rev. E. J. Rohart.

Report of Woman's Fellowship—Mrs. Cecil Whitlock, President. Exhibit 4.

Report from the Sunday School Convention by Leonard Higgs, President.

Remarks to Conference on "The Work of the Layman in the Church, As a Layman Sees It," by O. W. Andes.

Report of Conference Treasurer O. W. Andes. Exhibit 5.

Report of Social Action Committee—Rev. Ralph M. Galt. Exhibit 6.

Report of Finance Committee—E. A. Showalter. Exhibit 7.

Report of Committee on Place—K. T. Kibler. Exhibit 8.

Report of Resolutions Committee—Miss Verdie Showalter. Exhibit 9.

Report on "Social Security for Ministers," Rev. Cameron D. Hayes. Exhibit 10.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and officers were elected for the ensuing year. Exhibit 11.

Unfinished business.

Closing Worship Service.

Details of the above sessions of Conference follow under the headings of Motions and Reports.

Conference adjourned to meet on March 31, 1955, for its Midyear Session, at Bethlehem Church, Tenth Legion, Virginia.

R. A. WHITTEN, *President.*
C. A. PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive—Clarence A. Phillips, Robert A. Whitten, H. V. Harman, O. W. Andes, C. A. Pugh.

Missions—Ralph O. Rothgeb, Chairman; C. W. Louderback, M. A. Dofflemyer, E. A. Showalter, C. A. Phillips, Russell Smith, Leyburn Brill, R. A. Whitten, O. W. Andes, E. J. Rohart, H. V. Harman, R. E. Newton, Mrs. Cecil Whitlock, Mrs. A. W. Andes, Miss Verdie Showalter, Ralph M. Galt.

Ministry—Robert A. Whitten, R. E. Newton, E. J. Roehart, Ralph M. Galt, H. V. Harman, Cameron D. Hayes.

Stewardship and Apportionment—E. A. Showalter, E. J. Rohart, Mrs. Tom Good, O. A. Bazzle, E. F. Showalter, B. F. McDaniel.

Evangelism—R. E. Newton, Ralph M. Galt, Cameron D. Hayes.

Christian Education and Religious Literature—Mrs. E. J. Rohart, Mrs. Robert A. Whitten, Mrs. Joseph Vanpelt, Mrs. Ralph M. Galt.

Layman's Fellowship—O. W. Andes, J. Lawrence Rhodes, C. A. Pugh.

Social Action and Moral Reform—Ralph M. Galt, Mrs. Joseph Frazier, E. J. Rohart, Mrs. R. E. Newton.

Sunday School—Leonard Higgs, President of the Sunday School Convention.

MOTIONS PASSED BY CONFERENCE

1. To seat all visitors as deliberative members of Conference.
2. To approve the program as prepared by the Executive Committee, subject to necessary changes.
3. To receive Dr. W. T. Scott's message to Conference with gratitude.
4. To turn the funds of the C. M. A. over to the Conference Treasury.
5. To extend an invitation to the Marvin Chapel Church, Berryville, Virginia to become a member of our Conference. Rev. Cameron D. Hayes and Rev. R. A. Whitten to extend the invitation.
6. To seat Rev. C. D. Hayes to fill the unexpired term of Rev. E. J. Rohart to the Executive Board of the Southern Convention from the Virginia Valley Central Conference.
7. To dispense with the installation of the new officers, due to the lack of time.
8. To order 125 ANNUALS.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The following reports were adopted by Conference:

EXHIBIT 1

REPORT OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

In view of the real possibility of beginning church work in Charlottesville during the next few months, we therefore recommend:

1. That the Conference pay $5.00 to the Charlottesville Ministerial Association as the Congregational Christian share of the expenses of the city religious census—information on which has been graciously turned over to us.

2. That Conference empower its Executive Committee to expend reasonable funds for work in Charlottesville when that committee deems such funds needed.

3. That the committee on promoting the project of establishing a Congregational Christian Church in Harrisonburg be continued.

R. O. ROTHGEB, *Chairman,*
R. E. NEWTON,
R. M. GALT,
E. J. ROHART,
H. V. HARMAN,
E. A. SHOWALTER.

EXHIBIT 2

REPORT ON PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

During the past year the Valley Pilgrim Fellowship has had the following meetings: a rally in October at Mayland; one in January at Winchester, the theme being "Missions." In April, the Valley Pilgrim Fellowship chartered a bus to go to the Biennial Meeting in Burlington, N. C. In May the rally at Linville was held, the theme being "Faith." Rev. Martin Eichrodt of Switzerland was the guest speaker.

The Valley Pilgrim Fellowship sent two delegates, Iris Allen and Mary Ruth Whitten to the National Pilgrim Fellowship Convention at New Haven, Connecticut.

In October the first rally of the new year was held at Newport and the following officers were elected: Norman Dean, president; Martha Rohart, vice-president; Kay Kagey, secretary; Betty Showalter, treasurer; Tilly Strickler, chairman of Faith Committee; Iris Allen, chairman of Fellowship Action; Naomi Higgs, chairman of Missionary Action.

BETTY SHOWALTER, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 3

APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Apportionments, recommend that we set as our goal the new apportionment table figures that have been prepared and presented to this Conference for approval.

E. A. SHOWALTER, *Chairman,*
O. A. BAZZLE,
E. J. ROHART,
T. G. GOOD,
C. A. PHILLIPS.

NOTE: See Statistical Tables in back of Annual.

EXHIBIT 4

REPORT OF WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP

On October 8, 1953, at Bethlehem Church, the Woman's Missionary Conference heard the following recommendation read, and voted to accept it:

"That since we are part of the National Woman's Fellowship and since our program includes Bible study, personal and family spiritual development as well as Mission study, we recommend that we suggest to the Convention, that the name, Woman's Fellowship of the Southern Convention be used, and in that event that this Conference be known as the Woman's Fellowship of the Valley Conference."

At this same session, the Conference voted to accept an increase in apportionment for the 1953-55 Biennium from $1,000 to $1,250 a year.

During the past year, twelve churches have raised $1,167.04 of their apportionment; $130.75 for the "Goats to Puerto Rico" project, and $59.00 for soundscriber equipment, making a total of $1,297.79 raised by our women during the year. Several of the groups have centered their efforts on local projects: such as remodeling programs and educational buildings.

It is my wish that the seven churches that do not have Women's Fellowships would organize during the coming year and greatly increase our present membership of 443. If these churches, together with those who did not make a financial report last year would contribute to Missions through these channels, we would not only reach our goal, but go over the top.

"Out of the Heart of the Gospel" will be the theme for 1954-55. The Bible study will be the Book of Acts. Layettes and sheets, matress covers and aprons for Fisk University, will be a few of the "Friendly Service" projects this year. The Thank Offering will go to the new South Boston Church, and Life Memberships and Memorials go again this year to Franklin, at Bricks, N. C.

May we have your prayerful interest in the many tasks of women working together in the fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MRS. C. L. WHITLOCK, *President.*

EXHIBIT 5

REPORT OF TREASURER

CONFERENCE FUND

Amount brought forward as reported at Conference last year $2,129.32

Receipts

1953		
Nov. 17	Mount Olivet (7), 1952-53 Conference Fund.....	40.00
23	Rev. H. V. Harman, Annuals	2.50
1954		
Mar. 25	Rev. E. J. Rohart, Annuals	4.00
	Rev. R. E. Newton, Annuals	5.00
	Rev. R. A. Whitten, Annuals	4.00
Apr. 20	C. A. Phillips, Annuals	1.75
June 26	Rev. Ralph M. Galt	2.50

Oct. 13	Rev. Hayes, Annuals			1.50
	Rev. R. E. Newton, Annuals			.50
	C. M. A. Fund			261.03
	Winchester Church, Annuals			4.75
	Amount from Churches for Conference Fund:			
	Antioch		$ 81.00	
	Bethel		71.00	
	Bethlehem		70.00	
	Beulah		8.00	
	Concord		34.00	
	Dry Run		42.00	
	Joppa		13.00	
	Leaksville		130.00	
	Linville		119.00	
	Mayland		65.00	
	Mount Lebanon		33.00	
	Mount Olivet (G)		60.00	
	Mount Olivet (R)		79.00	
	New Hope		42.00	
	Newport		94.00	
	Palmyra		29.00	
	Timber Ridge		99.00	
	Winchester		186.00	
	Wissler's Chapel		27.00	
	Woods Chapel		34.00	
				1,316.00
	Total Receipts			$3,772.85

1953 *Disbursements*

Nov. 2	K. B. Dofflemyer, president's expenses		$ 10.00	
	Clarence Phillips, secretary's salary and expenses		25.00	
6	Branner Printing Co., printing Conference programs		10.00	
	O. W. Andes, treasurer's salary		10.00	
30	Southern Convention Office, pastors' insurance		107.76	
1954	Southern Convention Office, printing Annuals		117.47	
Mar. 15	Southern Convention Office, 125 Annuals		144.00	
26	Geo. D. Colclough, special issue, *The Christian Sun*		32.50	
May 15	Rev. R. M. Galt, expense, Va. Council of Churches		7.00	
June 8	Geo. D. Colclough, pastors' insurance		117.50	
Oct. 13	Rev. R. A. Whitten, printing apportionment tables		6.00	
14	Clarence Phillips, secretary's salary and expenses		25.00	
	O. W. Andes, treasurer's salary and expenses		12.64	
	Caldwell-Sites, printing Conference programs		18.45	
	Pastors' Salaries:			
	H. V. Harman	$ 426.00		
	E. J. Rohart	426.00		
			852.00	
	Total Disbursements			1,495.32
	Balance in Treasury			$2,277.53

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Amount reported last year		$ 724.74
1953		
Dec. 30	Interest received	10.86
1954		
June 30	Interest received	11.03
	Total	$ 746.63

O. W. ANDES, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 6

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

We report that rather little has been done by our local churches and by our Conference as such in carrying out the recommendations of the Social Action Committee made one year ago. However, we note that the Conference Woman's Fellowship passed a strong resolution supporting the Supreme Court's decision for an end of segregation in the public schools. And we note that Conference young people discussed the matter at their most recent rally with two Negro educators as leaders. We highly commend and praise both the Women and the Young People for these actions.

We urge that our Conference, churches and individual church members attempt more diligently to put into effect the Social Action Committee recommendations of 1953.

We note that the Southern Convention, the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches in the United States and the Virginia Council of Churches have all passed clear resolutions pointing out the Christian rightness of the Supreme Court Decision ending segregation in public education, pointing out its importance for world peace, and urging peaceful carrying out of the decision. As this Conference is a member of the three organizations mentioned, we in turn urge our people to work and witness for a peaceful end of segregation in the public schools.

RALPH M. GALT, *Chairman,*
MRS. GALEN SALYARDS.

EXHIBIT 7

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, recommend the following to be paid by the Conference Treasurer: Salary and expenses of the Secretary, $25.00; salary and expenses of the Treasurer, $12.64. The general expense of the Conference President, Rev. R. A. Whitten, has been donated to the Conference. We wish to extend our thanks to him for his generous gift and time.

E. A. SHOWALTER, *Chairman,*
J. L. RHODES,
CLAYTON PUGH.

EXHIBIT 8

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

The delegates from Mayland extend an invitation, subject to the approval of the church. The date, October 12, 13, 1955.

K. T. KIBLER, *Chairman,*
MRS. GALEN SALYARDS,
MRS. W. M. BURKE.

NOTE: This has been confirmed since Conference adjourned.

EXHIBIT 9

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee report is as follows:

1. That this Conference extend a rising vote of thanks to the pastor and members of the Winchester Church for their gracious hospitality as shown in the many provisions made for the needs and comfort of the delegates and visitors.

2. That we thank our officers and leaders for the carefully planned program.

3. That we extend our gratitude to our visiting speakers: Rev. John McClelland, Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. L. E. Smith, and Rev. Fred Register, for their inspiring messages.

4. That we express our regret of the absence of Dr. Wm. T. Scott, who was called to Cleveland in the work of the church.

5. That we, as delegates and visitors, as we return to our individual churches, resolve that with God's help we will try to have our churches do their best in serving the Conference in all phases of its work.

6. That we as a church rise up as men of God and give serious thought to the teaching of God's word on his plan for financing the work of the Kingdom..

E. J. ROHART, *Chairman,*
MISS VERDIE SHOWALTER,
MRS. B. F. FRANK.

EXHIBIT 10

SOCIAL SECURITY FOR MINISTERS

The Virginia Valley Central Conference recommends to its constituent churches that they assist their pastors to take advantage of the extension of the Federal Social Security Act to include the clergy, beginning January 1, 1955. We suggest that the employing churches pay one-half of the monthly payment of 3% required for participation by their pastor in the Social Security plan.

CAMERON D. HAYES, *Reporter.*

EXHIBIT 11

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following nominees for election as officers for the coming year:

President—Clarence A. Phillips.
Vice-President—Rev. Robert A. Whitten.
Secretary—Rev. Henry V. Harman.
Assistant Secretary—Miss Gene Fahrenstock.
Treasurer—O W. Andes.
Executive Board, the Southern Convention—Rev. Cameron D. Hayes.
Delegates to Va. Council of Churches—Leonard Higs, Rev. R. M. Galt.

R. O. ROTHGEB, *Chairman,*
MRS. H. F. NELSON,
MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS,
REV. HENRY V. HARMAN,
LEONARD HIGGS.

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ROSEMONT CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
SOUTH NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER 3-4, 1954

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WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met in its one hundred thirty-fourth annual session at the Rosemont Congregational Christian Church, South Norfolk, Virginia, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 3-4, 1954.

The Conference was called to order at 2:00 p. m., on Wednesday by the president, Rev. J. Everette Neese.

Following the singing of the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Dr. Jesse H. Dollar led the prayer for divine guidance.

The secretary enrolled the following ministers and delegates:

ENROLLMENT

Ministers—George D. Alley, Ernest L. Brickhouse, R. E. Brittle, H. L. Carnes, Ellis N. Clark, H. E. Crutchfield, Jesse H. Dollar, Melvin Dollar, Clyde Fields, Earl T. Farrell, A. L. Granger, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, I. W. Johnson, Clyde O. Koon, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., James W. Madren, J. E. McCauley, J. Everette Neese, G. A. Pearce, O. L. Pendleton, O. D. Poythress, L. E. Smith, W. P. Smith, W. Millard Stevens, M. E. Taylor, H. G. Titcombe, John G. Truitt, T. Fred Wright, Licentiate Samuel D. Nelson, and Candidate Robert Glenn Garrett.

Churches and Delegates

Antioch—Mrs. Dana B. Saunders.
Bayside—Mrs. E. F. Caldwell, Mrs. R. E. Twiford.
Berea, Nansemond—Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Sr., Mrs. J. W. Outlaw.
Bethlehem, Disputanta—A. H. Sykora, C. C. Dunn.
Bethlehem, Nansemond—Mrs. O. C. Bradshaw, Mrs. W. C. Joyner, C. F. Savage.
Centerville—Mr. W. H. Barbou, Mrs. Carleton Morris.
Cypress Chapel—Mrs. Vernon Babb, Mrs. James Lewter, Mrs. Roy Brinkley.
Dendron—E. T. Atkinson.
Franklin—J. Letcher Eley, J. Vaughan Beale, John M. Beale.
Great Bridge, Berea—Mrs. F. N. Hall, Mrs. E. A. Eason, E. E. Waterfield.
Holland—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rawles, William Ballard, T. R. Jones.
Holy Neck—J. O. Davidson, Jr., Delman Felton.

Hopewell—Mrs. Marjorie Crichton, W. L. Boyette.
Liberty Spring—Mrs. R. Wesley Harrell, Mrs. James C. Lynch.
Mount Carmel—Mrs. E. W. Duke, Mrs. J. L. Rose.
Mount Zion—Mrs. J. R. Dixon, Jr., Mrs. G. W. Dixon.
New Lebanon—Mrs. Annie Savedge, John T. Savedge.
Newport News—Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. R. C. Luke, W. H. Baker, R. F. Powell.
Norfolk—
Bay View—Mrs. W. E. Smalling, Mrs. I. S. Morris.
Central—Mrs. W. W. Starnes, Mrs. Verla Godwin.
Congregational Christian Temple—Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Mrs. E. G. Middleton, Mrs. W. M. Stevens, Miss Irene Haga.
First—Mrs. Joseph Nixon, Sr., Mrs. A. L. Barrett.
Little Creek—Mrs. M. E. Taylor.
Oakland—Mrs. Alton Wagner, Mills E. Godwin, Jr.
Portsmouth—
Elm Avenue—Mrs. L. Cherry, Mrs. J. A. Branch.
First—Mrs. J. F. Brothers, Mrs. E. Whitley.
Shelton Memorial—Mrs. Frank H. Lewis.
Richmond—J. T. Kernodle.
South Norfolk—
Rosemont—Mrs. A. P. Cofield, Mrs. John Swink, H. L. Bondurant, Mrs. H. R. Morrison, Sr.
South Norfolk—Mrs. H. T. King, Mrs. Evelyn Tarkington.
Spring Hill—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. White.
Suffolk—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, O. F. Story, Mrs. Burton Davis, Mrs. S. P. Kirkpatrick, Floyd A. Turner.
Sunbury, Damascus—Miss Lucy Lassiter, W. Norfleet Hofler.
Union, Southampton—S. M. Joyner, Steve Hornok.
Union, Surry—Mrs. Essie F. Huber, Mrs. Frederick Huber.
Warwick—I. W. Ashburn, Mrs. J. H. Booth, Jr.
Waverly—Mrs. Lewis Tomlinson, Mr. Lewis Tomlinson.
Windsor—S. T. Holland, Dow Keeling.

Following the enrollment of ministers and delegates, the new ministers of the Conference were recognized. The Rev. Jack L. Akin, pastor of the Universalist Church, Kinston, North Carolina, was recognized as a visitor.

The welcome address was given by Mr. C. L. Richardson, a member of the Rosemont Church. Mrs. Roy Brinkley, a member of the Cypress Chapel Church, responded on behalf of the Conference.

The president appointed the following special committees:

Nominations—Rev. George D. Alley, Chairman; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Rev. H. E. Crutchfield.

Resolutions—Rev. William P. Smith, Chairman; Rev. Earl T. Farrell, Mrs. J. Rollie Gayle.

Finance—J. Letcher Eley, Chairman; Rev. Clyde L. Fields.

Press—Rev. Harvey L. Carnes, Chairman; Rev. Olin B. Pendleton, Mrs. W. B. Williams.

The Rev. Ernest F. Brickhouse, pastor, presented the application of the Bayside Congregational Christian Church, Bayside,, Virginia, for membership in the Eastern Virginia Conference. On motion, it was voted that the Bayside Church be received into the Conference and that its delegates be seated.

The Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., pastor, presented the application of the Warwich Congregational Christian Church, Warwick, Virginia, for membership in the Eastern Virginia Conference. On motion, it was voted that the Warwich Church be received into the Conference and that its delegates be seated.

The Program Committee presented the printed program, which was adopted as the order of business during the session of Conference, subject to such changes as might be necessary.

The reports of the Executive Committee (Exhibit 1) and the Committee on Stewardship (Exhibit 2) were presented and adopted.

Dr. L. E. Smith presented Rev. W. J. Andes, pastor of the Elon College Community Church, and Dr. Sidney M. Berry of London, England, secretary of the International Congregational Council, to the Conference. The. Rev. W. J. Andes brought greetings from Dr. W. T. Scott, superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, and reported the illness of Dr. Scott. On motion it was voted to send greetings and an expression of sympathy from the Conference to Dr. Scott.

Mr. J. T. Kernodle, managing editor of *The Christian Sun,* presented Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, recently elected editor of *The Christian Sun* and a minister of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

On motion it was voted that Rev. W. J. Andes, Rev. Jack L. Akin, Dr. Sidney M. Berry and Dr. Stanley C. Harrell be seated as deliberative members of the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism (Exhibit 3) was presented and adopted.

Dr. John G. Truitt, superintendent of The Christian Orphanage, Elon College, North Carolina, reported on the work of the institution and reminded the Conference of the annual Thanksgiving offering for the orphanage.

Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, Elon College, North Carolina, reported on the program of the institution and presented Rev. George D. Alley, who spoke on his experiences at the college during the recent Religious Emphasis Week. On motion the following resolution concerning Elon College was adopted:

> Whereas the Southern Convention has previously authorized the raising of $2,500,000 for Elon College, and
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> Whereas the ministers of the Southern Convention at a meeting in Henderson, North Carolina, on January 5, 1954, recognized the campaign and unanimously voted to undertake to raise in the churches of the Southern Convention the sum of $300,000—$150,000 from the churches in Virginia as part payment on Virginia Hall (requesting the Valley of Virginia Central Conference to do their share in this campaign), a dormitory for girls; and $150,000 from the

churches in North Carolina as part payment on Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys, therefore

Be It Resolved:

First. that the Eastern Virginia Conference accept the recommendation of its ministers and authorize the Executive Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference, in cooperation with the Superintendent of the Southern Convention and officials of the College, to proceed with plans and a campaign to secure the $150,000 for a dormitory for girls, that the churches in the Valley Conference be requested to give full cooperation, and the Eastern Virginia Conference issues a challenge to the conferneces in North Carolina to raise a like amount from the churches in North Carolina.

Second, that the campaign be for $150,000 to be secured in cash and pledges as a part of the Centennial Program of Advance, and that it be completed not later than December 31, 1956.

The report of the Treasurer was presented, and on motion it was voted that it be received and referred to the Finance Committee. (See Exhibit 4.)

By common consent it was agreed to postpone the time for adjournment.

The following reports were presented and by vote of the Conference were adopted: Committee on Ministerial Education (Exhibit 5), Committee on Home Missions (Exhibit 6), and the Christian Missionary Association (Exhibit 7).

The president appointed the following committee to conduct the service of licensure for Samuel D. Nelson at the evening service: Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, chairman; Dr. Jesse H. Dollar and Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr.

The afternoon session adjourned after the benediction by Rev. Clyde O. Koon.

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION

The Conference service of worship and Holy Communion was conducted by Rev. Melvin Dollar and Rev. Olin B. Pendleton. The choir and deacons of the Rosemont Church and the deacons of the First Church, Norfolk, participated in the service..

The service of licensure for Samuel D. Nelson was conducted by Dr. H. S. Hardcastle. Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr. and Rev. O. D. Poythress shared in the service.

The Conference Sermon was delivered by Dr. Sidney M. Berry.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

The Conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by President J. Everette Neese. The opening hymn was led by Rev. O. D. Poythress, and the prayer for divine guidance was by Rev. Morris E. Taylor.

The following reports were presented, and by vote of Conference were adopted: The Eastern Virginia Youth Fellowship (Exhibit 8) The Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention (Exhibit 9), The Eastern Virginia Laymen's Fellowship (10), and the Committee on Religious Literature (Exhibit 11).

The report of the Committee on Social Action was presented and its adoption moved and seconded. After considerable discussion, an amend-

ment to the report was offered but failed to carry. The report was adopted by a recorded vote of 49 to 9. (See Exhibit 12.)

The report of the Committee on Apportionments (Exhibit 13) was presented and adopted. On motion it was voted that a rising vote of thanks be given to the chairman and members of the committee and that the chairman be directed to submit a bill for the expenses involved in producing the report.

Dr. Sidney M. Berry addressed the Conference on the work of the International Congregational Council and told of his findings on his trips to visit Congregational Christian Churches around the world. At the conclusion of his address, a rising vote of thanks was given to Dr. Berry for his contributions to this session of Conference.

Dr. Stanley C. Harrell, Editor, reported to the Conference various plans and needs of *The Christian Sun.*

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, president of the Southern Convention, presented the "Centennial Program of Advance" of the 1954-56 Biennium of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches. On motion it was voted that the Conference support the program.

On motion it was voted that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted. There being no nominations from the floor, it was voted that the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. The president declared the following officers elected:

President, Rev. J. Everette Neese;
Vice-President, Mr. W. B. Williams;
Secretary, Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.;
Treasurer, Mr. G. Chapman White.

Rev. Wayne W. Womer of the Virginia Church Temperance Council; Rev. Aubrey C. Todd, First Unitarian Church, Norfolk, Va., and Miss Irene Haga, director of Religious Education, Congregational Christian Temple, Norfolk, Va., were presented to the Conference.

The morning session was adjourned following the benediction by Rev. George D. Alley.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

A worship service was conducted by Rev. George D. Alley, following which Rev. Wayne W. Womer of the Virginia Church Temperance Council addressed the Conference on the work of the council.

The reports of the Committee on Christian Education (Exhibit 14), the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missinnary Conference (Exhibit 15), and the Committee on Foreign Missions (Exhibit 16), were presented and by vote of Conference were adopted.

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar reported that as matters now stand the proposed merger between the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches likely will become effective in 1957.

The report of the Finance Committee (Exhibit 17) was presented and adopted.

Mrs. W. V. Leathers reported for the Committee on Place that an invitation for the 1955 session of Conference had been received from The Congergational Christian Temple. On motion it was voted that the invitation be accepted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and was adopted. (Exhibit 18).

On motion it was voted that the president appoint representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches, the Interdenominational Religious Works Foundation and the Virginia Church Temperance Council.

On motion it was voted that the Conference records and minutes for the year be printed in THE ANNUAL, and that 300 copies be secured and pro-rated among the churches.

On motion it was voted that the president and secretary complete and approve the minutes of this session of Conference.

On motion it was voted that this session of Conference commends to the Executive Committee the practice of beginning the Conference at 2:00 p. m. of the first day and having a full-day session on the second day.

The president appointed the Standing Committees for the ensuing year (See Standing Committees).

On motion it was voted that Conference adjourn, following the report of the Committee on Memoirs (Exibit 19) and a Memorial Service for Dr. N. G. Newman, conducted by Dr. I. W. Johnson, and that it meet again its 135th annual session with The Congregational Christian Temple, Norfolk, Virginia, on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1955.

J. EVERETTE NEESE, *President.*

J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR., *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES—1954-55

Executive—J. Everette Neese, W. B. Williams, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, Thomas H. Britton.

Ministerial Education—H. S. Hardcastle, Chairman; W. Millard Stevens, I. W. Johnson, George D. Alley, A. Lanson Granger.

Apportionments—Shirley T. Holland, Chairman; J. P. Dalton, Floyd A. Turner, Ellis N. Clark, G. C. White.

Home Missions—Mills E. Godwin, Jr.. Chairman; R. E. Brittle, H. E. Crutchfield, Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Jesse H. Dollar.

Foreign Missions—George D. Alley, Chairman; W. P. Smith, Mrs. W. B. Williams, E. F. Brickhouse, Mrs. Garland Spratley.

Evangelism—Thomas H. Britton, Chairman; Clyde L. Fields, Melvin Dollar, O. D. Poythress, Mrs. Frank H. Lewis, R. T. Grissom.

Christian Education—Earl T Farrell, Chairman; J. Letcher Eley, C. E. Reynolds, Jr., Mrs. Clyde Fields, Harry B. Titcombe.

Religious Literature—J. E. McCauley, Chairman; Mrs. A. C. Moore, Miss Ruth Dunn, W. H. Baker, James W. Madren.

Stewardship—W. Millard Stevens, Chairman; W. B. Williams, O. L. Pendleton, T. Fred Wright, Clyde O Koon.

Social Action—A. Lanson Granger, Jr., Chairman; Roy C. Helfenstein, Harvey L. Carnes, G. C. Mann, J. Vaughan Beale.

Program—J. Everette Neese, W. B. Williams, J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., H. S. Hardcastle, W. Millard Stevens.

Place—Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Memoirs—I. W. Johnson, M. E. Taylor, John Gallo.

Representatives to the Virginia Council of Churches—W. M. Stevens, H. S. Hardcastle, George D. Alley, Harvey L. Carnes.

Representative to the Interdenominational Religious Works Foundation—Roy C. Helfenstein.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

EXHIBIT 1

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee has taken the following actions during the year:

1. Elected as delegates to the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., those persons duly nominated by the churches of the Conference.

2. Nominated to the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., delegates to the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

3. Authorized the Committee on Ministerial Education to grant Ordination to Licentiate Paul V. Varga.

4. Authorized the Committee on Apportionments to submit to the churches for information and guidance the schedule of apportionments to be presented to this session of Conference for action.

Respectifuly submitted,

W. B. WILLIAMS,
J. EVERETTE NEESE,
H. S. HARDCASTLE,
T. H. BRITTON,
J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.

EXHIBIT 2

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

The urgency of the matter of good stewardship practices in our churches which will provide people with training and challenge cannot be stressed too much. When the individual churches grasp the importance of this matter in relationship to the whole of Christian Living we will witness a higher degree of churchmanship and Christian living among our people. Some of our churches have been working at this matter through the years and give a practical demonstration of its value in their church life. Many more of our churches have, in recent years, seen the light and are now working at the matter in a commendable manner. Two or three of our churches conducted Stewardship Institutes this fall under the leadership of Dr. Warren Denison. These were most successful. Other churches conducted similar institutes under local leadership with good results. Remembering that Christian Stewardship is not a scheme for raising money but a vital part of Christian living, let us all catch the vision of Stewardship which will impel us forward in this important part of our lives.

We are glad to report that the Rev. Fred P. Register has accepted the position of Secretary for Stewardship and Evangelism in the Southern Convention. We urge you to support him in this work and to call upon him for suggestions and help in your Stewardship program. He will be able to suggest to you many fine materials which are now available in this field. Use these materials and supplement them with your own Christian insights.

Respectifuly submitted,

W. M. STEVENS, *Chairman,*
W. B. WILLIAMS,
CLYDE L. FIELDS,
T. FRED WRIGHT.

EXHIBIT 3

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

We, your Committee on Evangelism, submit the following report:

The committee rejoices in the growing interest our pastors are showing in the year-round program of Evangelism. This interest finds expression in the conviction that the pastors and laity should be continually "Seeking to save souls," day-in and day-out, believing that God is able to save men and women, boys and girls, for the Kingdom in all seasons, as well as in special seasons of "revivalistic" effort.

Evangelism is the recruiting work of the Church and of the Kingdom. We believe that the work of the Church is three-fold. First, the work of Evangelism, the winning of decisions for Christ; Second, the work of Christian Education, the building up of lives in Christ, and Third, the work of Christian Commission, sending out lives in definite service for Christ.

If we correctly understand the spirit of our times, there seems to be a spiritual awakening among the ministers and laity of out churches. The attendance, interest and contributions have all increased during the past year. We believe the time is ripe for a *Great Evangelistic Crusade.* The day of the revival should not die out, but this, however, is only one phase of Evangelism. Visitation Evangelism, Pastoral Evangelism, and Educational Evangelism are other methods of Evangelism which your committee believes should be used. Perhaps these latter methods could be used more effectively in some churches than the "Old Fashioned Revival" method.

The fires of Evangelism must be kept burning brightly upon the altars of our churches in the interest of Evangelism. If we fail to win people to Christ, we will have no opportunity to build lives up in Christ or to send lives out for Christ.

Your Committee on Evangelism believes that every pastor should do the work of an evangelist. We believe that the members of every local church should share with the pastor the responsibility and the privilege of soul-saving, and that every member of the church should pray to almighty God for help in enabling each member of the church to win at least one soul for Christ and the Church each year. Not

until the men and women of our churches accept their personal responsibility in Evangelism can the church move forward as our Lord expects it to move

We recommend:

1. That the comprehensive program as outlined by the Executive Committee of the Southern Convention for Evangelism be adopted by the Conference as follows:

A PROGRAM OF ADVANCE THROUGH EVANGELISM

In this basic task of Evangelism, we echo again the commission of Jesus, "Ye are my witnesses." In fulfilling this mandate—the faithful communication of the Gospel, the good news of God's redeeming grace as given in Christ Jesus our Saviour and Master, we are confidently confessing what we believe to be "the hope of the world."

Everything we long to do for the redemption of this world awaits a vital, authentic Evangelism.

The beginning of Evangelism is to call our present membership of 35,000 to a *renewal of personal commitment* to Christ and his Church. The Church is first a field, and afterward a force, for Evangelism.

We are called upon to *restore to active church relationship* all inactive members, whose inattendance is dangerously near the point of denial.

We are called upon to *reach out into all our communities* to find the unchurcher by careful survey. On the average, throughout the nation, almost one-half of our population has no spiritual home. Some of these may be as near as next door. And it is a most disturbing fact that of the unchurched population, 26 millions are between the ages of 8 and 24.

We call upon our churches to plan a *comprehensive program of Evangelistic effort,* including such as

Church membership training classes, especially for youth;
Lay visitation of the discovered prospects;
Special seasonal missions appropriate to the observance of the Christian year;
Preaching missions; and
Family daily devotions.

Whatever other methods have proved effective, these, too, should be faithfully followsd.

THE GOAL: "Eight thousand (8,000) new members by December 31, 1956." This requires each church to bring into the Christian fellowship a minimum of *one member per month for each one hundred members* of the church.

To this primary purpose the Convention calls upon each church to have an *Organization for Evangelism,* representative of all the departments of the local church and parish.

The importance of this witnessing to the Gospel, and this need for winning of disciples to the Christian fellowship, calls us to the clearest understanding of the *message and method* of Jesus, and the fullest expression of his compassionate *mood.*

To assist the churches in their fulfillment of these objectives, the Convention offers the leadership and services of the newly appointed Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism.

2. That we give Rev. Fred P. Register, our newly elected Secretary of Evangelism and Stewardship, our united support in promoting this program.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVIN DOLLAR,
O. D. POYTHRESS.

EXHIBIT 4
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

CONFERENCE FUND

Balance, October 15, 1953		$1,077.02
Receipts		
1952-53 Apportionments		110.00
1953-54 Apportionments (10-20-54)		395.00
Total Receipts and Balance		$1,582.02
Disbursements		
ANNUALS, 1952	$ 209.00	
Secretary's salary and expenses	62.00	
President's expenses	6.00	
Treasurer's bond	5.00	
Transfer to Va. Council of Churches Fund to complete appr.	70.25	
Va. Church Temperance Council	200.00	
Conference Speakers' expenses	10.00	
Secretary's supplies, 1952-53	48.30	
Bank Service charges	.20	
Treasurer's allowance	25.00	
ANNUALS, 1953	230.00	
Ordination Bible	13.00	
Ordination Service Programs (half cost)	10.00	
Secretary's supplies, 1953-54	26.15	
Total Disbursements		914.90
Balance on hand, October 20, 1954		$ 667.12

CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONS

Balance, October 15, 1953		$2,181.25
Receipts		
1952-53 Apportionments		480.00
1953-54 Apportionments (10-20-54)		1,016.00
Total Receipts and Balance		$3,677.25
Disbursements		
Central Church, Norfolk, on Parsonage debt	$ 300.00	
Bay View, Norfolk, on Parsonage purchase	1,200.00	
Total Disbursements		1,500.00
Balance on Hand, October 20, 1954		$2,177.25

VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Balance, October 15, 1953		$ 220.75
Receipts		
1952-53 Apportionments		79.00
Transfer from Conference Fund		70.25
1953-54 Apportionments		248.00
Total Receipts and Balance		$ 618.00
Disbursements		
Virginia Council of Churches	$ 250.00	
Interdenominational Religious Works Foundation	75.00	
Total Disbursements		325.00
Balance on Hand, October 20, 1954		$ 293.00

RECAPITULATION

	10–15–53 Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	10–20–54 Balance
Conference Fund	$1,077.02	$ 505.00	$ 914.90	$ 667.12
Conference Home Missions	2,181.25	1,496.00	1,500.00	2,177.25
Virginia Council of Churches	220.75	397.25	325.00	293.00
Totals	$3,479.02	$2,398.25	$2,739.90	$3,137.37

Balance, October 15, 1953	$3,479.02
Total Receipts for year	2,398.25
Total Balance	$5,877.27
Total Disbursements for year	2,739.90
Balance, October 20, 1954	$3,137.37

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 5

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, the members of this committee, submit herewith the following report:

Your Committee recommended to the Executive Committee of the Conference that Licentiate Paul Victor Varga be ordained as a minister of the Eastern Virginia Conference. Mr. Varga was completing his seminary work in June and was planning to serve as a pastor during the summer months, and desired ordination before taking up that temporary work, and his permanent work in the fall. The Executive Committee approved the recommendation, and the President of the Conference, Rev. J. Everette Neese, appointed the following Committee as an Ordaining Presbytery: Dr. I. W. Johnson, Dr. W. M. Stevens, Reverend R .E. Brittle, Reverend J. E. McCauley and Reverend H. S. Hardcastle, the Chairman of this Committee. As Chairman, I invited Reverend J. E. Neese, as president of the Conference, to take part in the service and to preside at the service. Reverend John Gallo, pastor of the Bethlehem (Disputanta), or Begonia, Church was also asked to assist in the service. The service was held in Mr. Varga's home church, the Bethlehem (Begonia) Congregational Christian Church, Disputanta, Virginia, on May 30, 1954, before a capacity congregation. It was an impressive and memorable service. A Certificate of Ordination officially signed has been presented to Mr. Varga. The Committee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, also presented Paul with a beautiful Bible, suitably inscribed.

This Committee voted to accept Rev. John W. Rackley, who was serving as Pastor of the Hopewell Congregational Christian Church, as an ordained minister, duly accredited by the Disciples Church, with the status of Conference Ordination.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That Lewis Godin, Adolph G. Melberg, Jr., Glenn Garrett and Richard Cooke be continued as members of the Biblical Class at Elon College and that George Barron, at his own request, be dropped as a member of the Biblical Class.

2. That Joseph S. Bage, C. Baxter Twiddy, Jr., Henry A. Gleason, Jr., and Reuben Askew be continued as Licentiates of the Conference. Licentiate John G. Truitt, Jr., is recommended to the New Jersey Association of Congregational Christian Churches and upon acceptance there his name will be dropped from this roll.

3. That Samuel D. Nelson, a candidate for Licensure of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, be received into our Fellowship, and that he be licensed at this session of the Conference. We request that the President appoint a Committee to be responsible for this service of Licensure at such time as may be found convenient and appropriate during the Conference.

4. That the Conference Ordinations of Reverends D. D. Nash, M. E. Taylor and John Gallo be renewed for another year.

5. That the names of Reverends J. Victor Murchison, John W. Rackley and Van T. Crawford be dropped from our Ministerial Roll.

6. That the Reverends George D. Alley, Clyde O. Koon, Olin B. Pendleton and Harry G. Titcombe be received into our Fellowship and that Reverend Raymond T. Grissom, who soon will become Pastor of the Holy Neck Congregational Christian Church, be received as a member of this Conference upon presentation of his official credentials.

7. That Reverend R. Eugene Tally be granted a letter of transfer to the Eastern North Carolina Conference. Reverend Paul V. Varga has been granted a letter of transfer to the Merrimack Association of Congregational Christian Churches of New Hampshire.

8. That our Pastors give more attention to the matter of trying to interest and to enlist more of our prominent young men and women in the calling and commitment to full-time Christian work or vocation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. MILLARD STEVENS,
J. E. MCCAULEY,
I. W. JOHNSON,
A. LANSON GRANGER, JR.,
H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 6

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

Your committee wishes to report that it has carefully considered all matters brought to its attention and the several requests for financial help from our Churches in the Eastern Virginia Conference.

We recommend to the conference that there be appropriated from our Home Mission funds the following:

1. The sum of $208.00 to the Little Creek Congregational Christian Church to be applied as a payment on their parsonage debt.
2. The sum of $800.00 to be paid to the Congregational Christian Church in Warwick to be used by the members of said Church in helping to buy a building site for the construction of a new church building.
3. The sum of $800.00 to the Bayside Christian Church (Congregational) to be used by the members of said Church for their building fund for the construction of a new Church building.

It is gratifying to know that none of those receiving help last year from your committee felt the necessity of requesting funds again this year, and thus the committee was left free to help with new requests.

This committee feels that there is a vital and pressing need for the funds to be allocated as above recommended and that these funds will materially help those Churches to do a greater work in their respective communities. It is felt that a tremendous opportunity lies ahead for the new Church in Warwick and at Bayside. We earnestly believe that they deserve our prayers and are entitled to our help. Our wish is that we could do more. The fields appear to be ripened unto the harvest and may we, to whom much has been given, share gladly with those that need our help.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. I. W. JOHNSON,
MRS. G. C. BRITTLE,
R. E. BRITTLE,
H. E. CRUTCHFIELD,
MILLS E. GODWIN, JR., *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 7

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association held its sixty-second annual session at the Shelton Memorial Congregational Christian Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, on Tuesday December 8, 1953. The Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, President, presided. The service of worship was conducted by the host pastor, Rev. Thomas H. Britton.

The secretary called the roll of the churches and membership dues were collected in the amount of $3,980.53. After the meeting $40.00 additional was received, making a total of $4,020.53.

Reports from the churches that received aid from the C. M. A. during the year 1952-53 were given. Churches receiving financial aid were Bayview, Cypress Chapel, Hopewell and Central.

Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter delivered an inspiring address on "The Mission of the Church." In the afternoon session Dr. W. T. Scott gave a report of his trip to Europe.

The officers and committees for the year are as follows:

President—Rev. Earl T. Farrell.
Vice-President—Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr.
Financial Secretary—Rev. R. E. Brittle.
Recording Secretary—Rev. Thomas H. Britton.
Treasurer—Mr. E. L. Rawles.
Auditor—Mr. S. T. Holland.
Plans Committee—Rev. Clyde L. Fields, Chairman; Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, Mr. C. D. West, Mrs. Olin B. Pendleton.
Nominations Committee—Rev. George D. Alley, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.
Resolutions Committee—Rev. Harvey L. Carnes, Chairman; Rev. T. Fred Wright, Miss Ruth Dunn.
Press Committee—Rev. Melvin Dollar, Chairman, Rev. James Madren.
Committee on Place—Mrs. Clyde Fields, Chairman; Mrs. W. T. Harrell.

We rejoice that two new churches have been organized within the Conference, Bayside and Deer Park. With these two churches and the other areas that challenge us to go in and to build churches, we ask of you to help make this the greatest year in the history of the Christian Missionary Association.

The sixty-third annual session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association will be held at the Berea (Nansemond) Church on Tuesday, December 7, 1954, beginning at 10:30 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL T. FARRELL, *President.*

EXHIBIT 8

REPORT OF THE EASTERN VIRGINIA YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The Spring Rally of the Eastern Virginia Youth Fellowship was held in connection with the Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship Rally, at Burlington, North Carolina, in April of this year. A good attendance from our Conference was noted.

The Fall Missionary Conference of the Youth Fellowship was held on October 3, at the Rosemont Christian Church with about 300 present. Miss Jenny Doidge, of the American Board, was the guest speaker. Missionary materials for the Home and Foreign Study for 1955 were placed on sale by the superintendent of Young People from the Woman's Missionary Conference of Eastern Virginia. Pilgrim Fellowship material was also made available. New officers were elected and installed. Miss Carolyn Overby of the Hunterdale Church announced a Planning Retreat for local Youth Fellowship presidents and Conference officers at the Hunterdale Christian Church on November 13. The Rosemont Church is to be commended for the fine way in which it entertained the Fall Missionary Rally.

The Youth Fellowship of Eastern Virginia has carried through the following projects this year·

1. Voted $100.00 to the construction of Moonelon Conference and Convention Center at Elon Colege, N. C.
2. Voted $400.00 to Church Extension.
3. Voted $500.00 to Foreign Missions, channeled through the Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.
4. Sent Miss Rebecca Mann to the General Council as the delegate from the Eastern Virginia Youth Fellowship, and carried out other local projects to the extent of $247.24.
5. Has a cash balance of $584.07 to begin the new year's work.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Carolyn Overby, Hunterdale; Vice-President, Miss Louise Piland, Holy Neck; Secretary, Miss Julia Agnes Brittle, Wakefield; Assistant Secretary, Miss Betty Hassell, Rosemont; Treasurer, Mr. Fred Parker, Damascus; Pianist, Miss Faye Gordon, Suffolk; Faith Chairman, Miss Frances Felts, Barrett's; Fellowship Chairman, Miss Joyce Byrd, Bethlehem (Nansemond); Action Chairman, Miss Martha Brittle, Bethlehem (Nansemond); Counselors: Miss Ruth Dunn, Rosemont, and Rev. Thomas H. Britton, Shelton Memorial; Advisor, Mrs. Clyde Fields, Hunterdale.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLYDE FIELDS, *Y. P. Superintendent,*
Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference.

EXHIBIT 9

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The eighty-fifth annual session of the Eastern Virginia Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches was held at the Franklin Congregational Christian Church on Tuesday, July 20, 1954.

Reports of the officers and committees of the Convention and other business were the first order of business of the morning session. Also at the morning session an address, which was the highlight of this session, was delivered by Dr. W. E. Wisseman of Greensboro, North Carolina. This ably given and thought provoking address, "The Place of the Sunday School in the Church," was well received by the Convention. Inspirational worship and devotional services were conducted by the young people of Rosemont Congregational Christian Church and the Cypress Chapel Congregational Christian Church.

At the afternoon session, a panel discussion was held, with Rev. J. E. McCauley as convener. This discussion covered "Administration," "Enlisting and Training Teachers," "Keeping Teen-age Pupils Interested in Sunday School," "Presenting Materials," and "Teaching Adults." Each of these was introduced and led by ministers of our Conference who are recognized authorities on their subjects.

Attendance and receipts of the Convention were good. It was voted to give $900.00 to the Board of Christian Education and $50.00 to the Virginia Council of Churches.

Officers elected were: J. Letcher Eley, president; O. F. Story, vice-president; W. H. Baker, secretary, and Mills Luter, treasurer.

The Convention will hold its 1955 session on Tuesday after the third Sunday in July, at the Rosemont Congregational Christian Church, South Norfolk, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LETCHER ELEY, *President.*

EXHIBIT 10

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

The Bible is the one vital book today to help neutralize secularism. Its spiritual impact has been manifest for centuries horizontally and vertically; horizontally as

seen in the extent of territory covered; and vertically as revealed by its depth in the hearts of men.

It is the Book of eternal hope transforming minds and recreating attitudes. Eager hands have reached and still today are reaching for the Scriptures. It is true that popular interest in the Bible has always provided an irresistible stimulus to public education. Wherever the Bible has gone literacy has been promoted so that people might read the Scriptures for themselves.

Church members are urged to deepen their prayer experience and increase their Christian strength by taking time to read the Bible regularly and meditate on the message, believing that we need more time to hear God speak.

At a time when appreciation of the problems affecting other nations as well as our own is so necessary, we should be on our toes every moment. For inspiring spiritual leadership, developing a Christian sense of values and informing us of the progress made in our Christian mission at home and abroad, *Advance* and *The Christian Sun* cannot be too highly recommended. Many churches have secured subscriptions for the *Sun* from one half of their church families and thus have received the reduced annual rate of $2.00 per subscription. We would like to see more members subscribing to this organ of the Southern Convention. The *Social Action* magazine should not be overlooked and *Children's Religion* is a veritable gold mine in spiritual guidance for Juniors.

Our Missions Council is a promotional and educational agency for our Congregational Christian Churches, and it seeks to serve. Let us avail ourselves of the opportunity of using the free literature offered to the churches and pastors. The "Church Activities Calendar" combined with the Ministers' and Church Leaders' Work Book is well worth the price of $1.00.

Are you viewing and listening. Many programs are enriched by the inspirational influence of devotional films. Add your power to that of others in securing a church film library.

Christian literature illuminates dark areas of our understanding, gives us a great deal of light and a message of hope. The curtain of fear and suspicion will one day be lifted. And when it is, Christian literature will have exerted a great influence toward bringing God's human family infinitely closer to becoming the Brotherhood of Man.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. MADREN,
W. H. BAKER,
R. C. HELFENSTEIN,
MRS. A. C. MOORE, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 11

REPORT OF THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Fall Rally of the Eastern Virginia Laymen's Fellowship was held at the Berea Christian Church, Great Bridge, Virginia, on November 15, 1953, with about 250 laymen in attendance. The meeting was of the workshop type with four discussion groups. The four topics were as follows: (1) What is the best way to get new members to feel at home in the church and become active members?; (2) How can we increase participation in the local church conference?; (3) How should the Laymen's Fellowship function in the church?; (4) What can we as laymen do to increase church attendance?

This type meeting was very successful and interesting to everyone. Through cooperation of the city and rural churches we sent peanut hay to the Orphanage farm for livestock feed due to the food shortage last winter.

The interest in the Laymen Movement is rapidly increasing and we are working toward more organized laymen groups in the Churches. Most of the Churches in our conference recognized Laymen's Sunday this year by presenting programs by Laymen in the Church. We are thinking of ways and means of raising money to carry out the program at Moonelon, which was accepted by the laymen of the convention as a project.

The Fall Rally of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Eastern Virginia Conference will be held at the Suffolk Christian Church, Suffolk, Virginia, on Sunday, November the 14 at 4 p. m. An interesting program has been arranged and we are expecting a large crowd of laymen from the churches of the conference.

We were delighted to have Mr. Walter Graham, our National Director, visit a number of churches in the Eastern Virginia Conference this year. We feel that his counsel and inspiration will remain with us, as we move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

P. D. HOWELL, JR., *President.*

EXHIBIT 12

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

As Christians, we are constrained by our faith to be obedient to Christ, and to seek to show forth the love made known through Him in every area of our life. At the same time we are citizens of a world which at one point after another denies or even refuses to acknowledge the love of Christ. How to live according to Christian love in a world which dishonors the Christian Way is the continual task which confronts us in the churches.

This report and appeal to the churches of our Conference deals with only one phase of our task of exercising Christian love in our human relations; namely, that presented by the recent decision of the Supreme Court concerning racial integration in the public schools. While your committee has no desire to overlook or to minimize other social concerns which rest upon the conscience of the Church, it is our opinion that it is within the area of the issues raised by the Court decision that we at present confront our most urgent imperative and our greatest immediate challenge and opportunity.

The decision handed down by the Court reaches to the very core of our attitudes as Christians. Moreover, how we react to this decision may have as direct a bearing upon lessening or increasing the tensions of our world, and of contributing to or diminishing peace in the world, as anything we at present may do.

We would say to the churches that it is our opinion that this issue cannot and will not be resolved by legal means alone. What is required of us is patience and forbearance, and every possible attempt at understanding on the part of all our citizenry, and especially by us of the Christian Church. It is because these attitudes are in part what the Church of Christ exists to create in us and in our society that it therefore becomes the especial task and responsibility of the churches to determine, not how we can evade or avoid this responsibility, but how we can meet it and deal with it realistically.

We do not wish to minimize the difficulties which are presented as a consequence of the Court decision. The decision presents a challenge to what has been the cultural pattern and way of life we have known over several decades. We acknowledge that we in the churches have not done enough to help prepare the way for the decision which now we must face. But face it we must, as those for whom the love of Christ is the norm of our decisions and our actions

This appeal we direct to our churches.

First, that we affirm our belief as Christians in the worth and dignity of every individual before God. We believe that every person is a child of God, that he has dignity and worth, which is in no way dependent upon the circumstances of his earthly existence. We acknowledge that we live under the Constitution of a land and under the constitution of a universe which recognizes that every man is endowed by His Creator with "certain inalienable rights," that is, rights which belong to him by the very fact that he is a man, created in the image of God and loved by God, rights which therefore no state may abridge or deny or ignore, except at its peril.

Secondly, that we would reafirm the vote of our Conference last year, which said in part, "that within our churches we seek in every way possible to assure that whatever decision the Court may hand down shall be accepted."

Thirdly, that we appeal to our churches and our ministers to work together to create opportunities in their churches for the first-hand discussions, looking towards an honest facing of the issues before us.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY L. CARNES,
J. VAUGHAN BEALE,
A. LANSON GRANGER, JR.,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT 13

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS

Attached to this report is the schedule of apportionments of all churches of the Eastern Virginia Conference for the year 1954-55 requested by the Southern Convention, approved by the Executive Committee of your Conference and apportioned by your Apportionment Committee and which we hope has been approved by the churches when budgets were made up for the conference year 1954-55.

Your committee used the apportionment table of 1953-54 with percentage increases under each heading requested by the Southern Convention. The formula suggested by the Convention based on *Membership, Home Expenses and Apportionment Giving* was carefully considered but due to the many inequalities we felt that the formula used heretofore with percentage increases would be better for all of the churches.

The Committee on Finance of the Southern Convention has endeavored to devise a plan for reducing the number of special appeals. To that end it has been necessary to increase the apportionment to a more realistic figure. In lieu of the Sustaining Fund for Elon College as a "Special" the Southern Convention recommended an increased apportionment for the college which is included in the apportionment table.

It should be noted that the Convention Home Missions and Church Extension Fund includes total Mission Board administrative expenses currently shared by the National Home Missions and Foreign Missions. We understand this will make for better bookkeeping it these expenses are carried in one fund.

The total amount apportioned by the Southern Convention for this conference was $49,477.00. When the $2,289.00 requested for the Conference purposes is added to this we have the grand total of $51,766.00 as shown in the apportionment table.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. DALTON,
FLOYD A. TURNER,
ELLIS N. CLARK,
G. C. WHITE,
SHIRLEY T. HOLLAND,
Chairman.

NOTE: See Schedule of Apportionments under Statistical Tables.

EXHIBIT 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Committee on Christian Education met once during the conference year. At this meeting plans were made for the area Missionary Institutes which were held in Waverly, Suffolk and Rosemont, under the leadership of Miss Ione Catton. The Missionary Institutes which were held this year instead of the training schools that have been conducted heretofore. The response from those who attended the institutes was gratifying.

A questionnaire was sent to the ministers of the conference seeking information related to the work of Christian education. Replies were received representing twenty-six churches. In the Sunday Schools of these Churches there are enrolled 5,320 people with an average attendance of 3,700. There are 921 attending Sunday School who do not attend the Church service of worship, and 850 who attend the Church service of worship but do not attend Sunday School.

From the reporting churches 54 youth went to the Summer Conference at Elon College, and 75 attended the Junior High Camp at Bayside.

Twelve of the twenty-six churches have a Workers Council, while sixteen have a program for special teacher training.

We commend the churches for the progress that is being made in Christian Education and pray that our vision may be enlarged and our services more effective.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LETCHER ELEY,
C. E. REYNOLDS, JR.,
MRS. WM. T. HARRELL,
MISS REBECCA MANN,
EARL T. FARRELL, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 15

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Forty-second annual session of the Woman's Missionary Conference met at the Oakland Congregational Christian Church, Chuckatuck, on Thursday, October 7, 1954, beginning at ten o'clock with the President, Mrs. Garland Spratley, presiding. Mrs. B. V. Hargrave, of Franklin, led the service of devotion, using the theme "Out of the Heart of the Gospel." Mrs. A. L. Wagner, President of the Oakland Woman's Auxiliary, extended a cordial welcome to the ministers, visitors and members of the local societies, there being over 300 persons present to respond to the greetings. Miss Jennie Doidge of Boston, Mass., Associate Executive Secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches, was the guest speaker. She spoke on "Pictures on my Heart" as seen in her travels around the world. Mrs. George D. Alley of Suffolk sang as a solo, "O, Savior Sweet," after which Mrs. E. G. Middleton, Chairman of the Life Memberships and Memorials conducted an impressive Memorial Service. After honoring the holders of the Life Membership Certificates, she paid tribute to those who are no longer here, lighting three candles in memory of Dr. N. G. Newman, Mrs. Jennie Willis Bradford and Mrs. Elizabeth Hargrove.

The Superintendents of the Districts and the various departmental leaders of the conference gave encouraging reports and referred to the Report Booklets which had been prepared and distributed by Mrs Ray Gordan and Mrs. R. E. Brittle. Mrs. George Cornell, the Treasurer, reported a total of $10,273.35 had been contributed, of which $1,118.56 was the Thank Offering. The amount contributed for Life Memberships and Memorials was $630.00, which will go to the Franklin Center at Bricks, North Carolina. Mrs. L. W. Stagg presented the Thank Offering project for this year, urging the women to respond generously to the new church in South Boston, Virginia.

The conference expressed their thanks and appreciation to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, who has rendered invaluable service to the work of the churches among the children, young people and women.

An executive board meeting was held on February 3rd at Suffolk to plan the program for the Spring District Meetings. On September 2nd the executive board met to discuss plans for the Fall Conference. The board meetings have been well attended and intense interest has been manifested by the members.

The Rev. Quentin Leisher, of Boston, Mass., has accepted an invitation to report on our work in India on January 12, 1955, at the Suffolk Christian Church. The Spring Rally of the Waverly District will be held at Wakefield on March 22nd, the Suffolk District Meeting will be held at Holland on March 23rd and the Norfolk District Meeting will be held at Shelton Memorial on March 24th.

The newly elected officers, who were installed by Mrs. W. B. Williams, President of the Woman's Missionary Convention, are as follows: President, Mrs. Garland Spratley; Vice-President, Mrs. Ray Gordon; Recording Secretary. Mrs. Edward Johnson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Lewis; Treasurer, Mrs. George Cornell; Superintendent of Young People, Mrs. Clyde Fields; Children, Mrs. Shirley T. Holland; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Allen Piland; Chairman of Christian Family

Life, Mrs. W. M. Stevens; Interdenominational Cooperation, Mrs. Olin B. Pendleton; Life Memberships and Memorials, Mrs. E. G. Middleton; Literature, Mrs. L. J. Brown; Spiritual Life, Mrs. Raye Knight; Visual Aids, Mrs. Walter Seeley; Superintendent of Norfolk District, Miss Caroline Gort; Suffolk District, Mrs. Ellis Clark; Waverly District, Mrs. Frank Sodomka.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY,
President.

EXHIBIT 16

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Though the guns of war and destruction are almost hushed, the wounds are still fresh and bleeding. Half the people of the world are less than half fed, and millions are on the brink of starvation. Many are starving. These unfortunates, homeless and hungry, are casualties of the wars of our generation.

If the church is to prove itself worthy of a place of honor in the hearts and minds of men, it must speed up its ministries to the needy peoples of the world.

Aside from the regular apportionments to our Christian Mission, which are channeled through the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, we have other agencies through which we serve effectively and in cooperation with other churches. Among these are Church World Service, whose address for the churches in our conference is, New Windsor, Maryland. Clothing of all kinds is desperately needed. We urge that every church in the Eastern Virginia Conference gather all the clothing possible, new and used, and send it to New Windsor, Md., for processing. It may be designated as desired.

Other agencies of great value are CROP and CARE Any group interested can get the dates of "pick-ups" by writing to the Virginia Council of Churches, 109 Grace Street., Richmond, Virginia. A truck will be sent if materials are collected at some place in the community.

Our Congregational Christian Service Committee, 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y., can handle money sent for either CROP or CARE and will buy and send CARE packages to any point you designate. Otherwise they will send them where the need seems most acute.

More recently another great agent is put at the command of our churches. It is S. O. S. (Share Our Surplus). The U. S. Government has made available great quantities of surplus foods for distribution by the churches. It is without purchase price; the only money needed is to process and deliver it. One dollar in cash will deliver $20.00 worth of food to the hungry. If our church people will take this opportunity seriously it can help in two ways: These foods are our farm surpluses which the Government has bought from us. The storage alone cost millions of dollars every year, and we have to pay it! Now, we have the opportunity of moving these surpluses out into a destitute world.

In gratitude to the God of our bounty let us, in Christ's Name and for their sake, share our dollars to deliver these life-giving foods to our hungry neighbors.

This is not to neglect giving through our regular channels. This must be done so that our regular denominational program of Christian World Mission may be carried on. Increased giving is needed to make it more effective, and to help to guarntee that the present truce may become the peace of the world for which we have prayed.

We recommend to our Pastors, Laymen, Women and Youth Organizations, that immediate action be taken by them to implement the above agencies for Christian Services to the needy peoples everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY,
MRS. W. B. WILLIAMS,
W. P. SMITH,
JESSE H. DOLLAR, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 17

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Finance, have examined the records of the Conference Treasurer, Mr. G. C. White, and have found them to be correct. We have verified the balances as shown by the Bank Statement and have found them to be correct.

The records of the Treasurer now show the following amounts:

Conference Fund as of 10-20-54	$ 667.12
Additional Collections	105.00
Present Balance	$ 772.12
Home Mission Fund as of 10-20-54	$2,177.25
Additional Collections	440.00
Present Balance	$2,617.25
Va. Council of Churches Fund as of 10-20-54	$ 293.00
Additional Collections	75.00
Present Balance	$ 368.00

We recommend the payment of the following from the Conference Fund:

Treasurer's Bond	$ 5.00
Secretary's Salary	50.00
President's Expenses	6.75
Treasurer's Allowance	25.00
Secretary's Expenses	7.50

We further recommend that payment be made for any miscellaneous bills contracted by the Conference from the Conference Fund upon the approval of the Executive Committee.

By vote of the Conference the following two items are made a part of this report:

1. That $200.00 be paid to the Virginia Church Temperance Council out of the Conference Fund.
2. That the contribution to the Virginia Council of Churches be increased to $275.00 for this year and that to the Interdenominational Religious Works Foundation remain at $75.00 for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. CLYDE L. FIELDS,
J. LETCHER ELEY, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 18

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved:

1. That we express our gratitude to those responsible for the successful program of this conference.
2. That we commend the officers and various committees for the work done during this past conference year.
3. That we express our appreciation to Dr. Sidney M. Berry, Secretary of the International Congregational Council, and to Rev. Wayne W. Womer, Executive Secretary of the Virginia Church Temperance Council, for their informative and inspiring addresses.
4. That we note with regret the indisposition of the Rev. Thomas H. Britton, due to the illness of his wife, and of Rev. Jesse M. Roberts, due to personall illness, and that we request the secretary to convey to each our prayerful concern for speedy recovery.

5. That we express our appreciation to the pastor and members of the Rosemont Congregational Christian Church for the cordial manner in which they have entertained this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE L FIELDS,
MRS. J. ROLLIE GAYLE,
EARL T. FARRELL,
WILLIAM P. SMITH, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 19

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

Since adjournment of the last session of this Conference, one of our very faithful ministers has passed from our visible presence and entered into the fellowship of the victorious, redeemed by the blood of our Saviour. Dr. Nathaniel Gross Newman was born in Nansemond County, Virginia, on a farm west of the Nansemond River, not far from Reids Ferry. Later the family moved to a farm near Everets where they remained untill their death.

The sons and daughters in the Newman family attended Oakland Sunday School and became members of the church. As is well known, three sons became prominent ministers in the Christian Church—Drs. John U. Newman, N. G. Newman and C. E. Newman. The family contributed much to the development of Oakland Church and to the denomination in many fields.

Dr. N. G. Newman was educated in the Suffolk Collegiate Institute, Graham Normal College and Elon College, from which he graduated with high honors. Later he did graduate work in the University of North Carolina, Chicago University and Columbia University.

He was ordained to the ministry in the Franklin Christian Church, November 15, 1892. He served as pastor the following churches in the Eastern Virginia Conference: Berea (Nansemond), Holy Neck, and Holland. He also served at both Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, and Elon College, Elon College, North Carolina, as pastor and teacher. He served Holy Neck Church at three different periods in his ministry: first, when that church was in a charge with Franklin Christian Church and the Berea Church; later, when it was in a charge with Holland Church; and finally, when it was a full time charge, where he remained until his retirement in 1937, due to failing health.

After retirement he moved to his farm which he had previously purchased from the Newman heirs—the home where his parents spent their last years. Dr. Newman's wife died in 1940, but he kept his home intact and, much of the summertime each year, he did his own housekeeping, cooking and caring for his garden. His health greatly improved from the outdoor activity, and he was a great asset to the Oakland Christian Church until his final illness and death.

This paper is already somewhat lengthy for an occasion of this kind, as a number of articles have already appeared in *The Christian Sun,* giving some of the details of his life and work in our church. On this account we will not go into other details of his useful life and ministry.

It was my happy privilege to be closely associated with him for many years. This association included frequent friendly contacts with him during the sixteen years of his retirement—twelve of which I was his pastor at Oakland Church. Briefly we submit an appraisal—to some extent—of this very useful minister.

He was a man of God. Apart from the fact that he was a minister, he was a wonderful man. He was a combination of dignity and humility to an extent that gave him power which commanded respect from all who knew him. His face, his manner, his attitude on all occasions, his personality—all suggested honor, integrity, purity of speech, high ideals and rugged honesty.

As a minister he set for himself, and for the churches he served, a high standard of life and service. He was a close student, he carefully prepared his sermons, he labored faithfully to lead his people into a higher standard of living and into a closer fellowship with Christ as Lord and Master. He had a pastoral heart. He

loved people. He drew his congregations by his friendly, understanding spirit. He was gifted with a fine spirit of humour which served a useful purpose in pastoral visiting. But he set a high standard, never indulging in any suggestive wit in his social contacts. He hated so-called smutty jokes—and declined ever to laugh when one was told in his presence.

His personal habits were above reproach. He lived above suspicion. He did not smoke. He was economical in his use of money for himself. He was liberal in his gifts to the cause of Christ. He cultivated a friendly spirit towards other ministers. He did not envy his fellow-laborers in the church. He was a friend to all. He was too broad-minded to be critical of greatness in others; he was too good to be unkind.

Therefore, we commend him and his manner of life to our fellow ministers as an example of goodness and greatneess to be emulated by young and old.

Be it resolved:

1. That we record our sincere appreciation of his life and work in our Conference and Denomination;
2. That we share our sympathy with the family and pray God's richest blessings upon them;
3. That a copy of this report be recorded in the records of this Conference and sent to the family of the deceased; and that a copy be offered to *The Christian Sun* for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. JOHNSON.

Proceedings of the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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PINEY PLAINS CHURCH, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1954

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TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION

The one hundred twenty-ninth annual session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met at the Piney Plains Church, on Tuesday, November 9th.

The Conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m., by the president, Dr. Will B. O'Neill. Dr. Wofford C. Timmons conducted a devotional service.

Ministers and delegates were enrolled:

ENROLLMENT

Ministers—J. Frank Apple, Emery M. Carter, W. Clay Farrell, William A. Grissom, *B. J. Howard, Richard L. Jackson, *J. Lee Johnson, Chas. Jones, S. Wade Marr, Will B. O'Neill, Gaylord Noyce, Thomas Madren, Fred. P. Register, Julius Rice, William A. Rich, *William R. Steininger, Eugene Tally, George M. Tally, Wofford C. Timmons, Carl Wallace, *William M. Wood.

Members of Biblical Class—Carl J. Dixon, *Gilbert Marsh, *James Walters.

Churctes and Delegates

Amelia—Mrs. Vera Eatman, Mrs. Edgar Johnson, Mrs. Wilson Pulley.
Antioch—
Auburn—Mrs. A. J. Ford, Mrs. Gladys Allen.
Bethlehem—Mrs. Eugene Spragins, Mrs. Melvin Spragins.
Bethel—
Beulah—Albert Perry, Ennis Puryear, Lewis Carter.
Catawba Springs—
Chapel Hill—S. H. Basnight, Mrs. W. W. Alexander.
Christian Chapel—
Christian Light—Mrs. Perry Arnold, Mrs. Lois Avent, Mrs. Hilda Brown.
Clayton—
Damascus—Mds. William Crabtree, Mrs. Henry Bowden.
Ebenezer
Fayetteville—Mrs. Nara Ray, Mrs. Ruby Smith, Mrs. Verde Godleski.
Fuller's Chapel—Mrs. C. C. Coghill, Mrs. F. W. Grissom.
Good Hope—Hubert Mitchell, Owen Mitchell, Mrs. Vie Mitchell.

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*Absent.

Hayes Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stone.
Henderson—Lancey Forsyth, I. H. Vickery, Jr., Mrs. Wilson Hoyle, Mrs. T. A. Park.
Hope Mills—Miss Mary Herring, Edwin West, James Brown.
Lebanon—Mrs. J. A. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pattishall.
Lee's Chapel—M. M. Buchenan, J. R. Underwood.
Liberty (Vance)—Mrs. J. D. Newman, Mrs. H. F. Mitchell, Osman Gerrard, K. G. Weldon.
Martha's Chapel—Mr and Mrs. Otis Council.
Moore Union—U. G. Burns, Oscar Maddox, J. O. Maddox.
Morrisville—Mr. Lucille Green, Miss Lessie Pugh, Mrs. Lydia Hilliard.
Mt. Auburn—
Mt. Carmel—Arthur Mitchell, Clifton Blackley.
Mt. Giliad—
Mt. Hermon—Mrs. Mary Clyde Price, Mrs. Mattie Moon, Miss Dorothy Smith.
New Elam—C. M. Womble, Carey Jones, G. F. Carr.
New Hope—Mr. Carl Roy, James Chamblee, Charles Hagwood.
Niagara—Mrs. Robert Yonts, Mrs. Louis Williford.
Oak Level—George Ball, Mrs. Norris Hoyle, Mrs. Kelton Grissom.
O'Kelley's Chapel—
Piney Plain—Mrs. L. L. Woodall, T. T. Brown.
Pleasant Hill—Carl Dixon, Mrs. Pearl Barbour.
Pleasant Union—
Plymouth—Clarence Pearson, I. Glenn Ogborn, Elmo Partin.
Pope's Chapel—Mrs. O. M. Evans, H. B. Conyers.
Raleigh, United—James Washburn, Arthur Eckels.
Sanford—Mrs. R. M. Cline, Mrs. W. B. Colbrook.
Shallow Well—Mrs. L. J. Sloan, Mrs. Percy Measamer, Charles Watson, L. J. Sloan.
Six Forks—
Southern Pines—Miss Norma Shiring, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pithick.
Turner's Chapel—Mrs. L. C. Wicker, Mrs. W. M. Cooper, Mrs. J. M. Smith.
Wake Chapel—Charles A. Ballentine, Mrs. B. B. Johnson, W. J. Ballentine, J. M. Stephenson.
Wentworth—Mrs. B. C. Brown, Mrs. R. H. Brown, Mrs. C. W. Fish, U. L. Lee, Jr.
Youngsville—Archie Brown, Mrs. Elsie Timberlake.

Visitors were recognized.

The report of the Treasurer was read and was referred to the Finance Committee.

Special committees were appointed as follows:

Nominations—Rev. J. Frank Apple, Rev. Carl Wallace, Miss Susie Allen.
Place—Rev. W. A. Rich, I. H. Vickery, Jr., T. N. Daughtery.
Press—Rev. Gaylord Noyce, Rev. R. E. Tally.
Resolutions—Dr. W. C. Timmons, Rev. W. A. Grissom, G. Johnson.
Finance—Prof. L. L. Vaughn, Rev. Julius Rice, Mrs. R. M. Cline.

The new apportionment table was presented by the chairman of the Apportionment Committee, Prof. L. L. Vaughn. The basis for computing apportionments was carefully explained. The report was adopted. (See Exhibit 1.)

Five minute summaries were presented by the chairmen of the following committees, together with their reports, which were adopted:

Stewardship, T. N. Daughtery, acting chairman. (See Exhibit 2.)

Evangelism, Rev. J. Frank Apple. (See Exhibit 3.)

Home Missions, Rev. R. L. Jackson for S. H. Basnight. (See Exhibit 4.)

Foreign Missions, Rev. W. A. Rich. (See Exhibit 5.)

At 11 o'clock, a brief period of silence was observed in memory of the passing of Governor William Umstead.

At 11:05 o'clock the session was adjourned for a brief period of fellowship and refreshment.

At 11:30 the meeting was resumed with a report on the Christian Orphanage by Dr. John G. Truitt.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education was presented by the chairman, Rev. Carl Wallave, and on motion it was adopted. (See Exhibit 6.)

Rev. Fred P. Register presented a report on the Education and Standing of the Ministry (Exhibit 7). The report was adopted by Conference.

Dr. Sidney M. Berry of London, England, then addressed the Conference on "Congregationalism Around the World."

The Conference adjourned for lunch.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order at 2:00 p. m., by the president. Rev. Eugene Tally led a brief devotional service.

President L. E. Smith presented a report on Elon College, after which he introduced a resolution to the Conference as to the Elon College Campaign Fund, which was adopted. (See exhibit 8.)

Following the report of the Social Action Committee by the chairman, Rev. William Grissom, Rev. Carl Key addressed the Conference. The report on Social Action was then adopted. (See Exhibit 9.)

Reports were then given as follows:

The Christian Sun—Dr. Stanley C. Harrell.

The North Carolina Council of Churches—Rev. Morton Kurtz.

The Southern Convention—Dr. Wm. T. Scott. (Dr. Scott presented to Conference the Centenial Program of Advance for the 1954-1956 Biennium.)

The General Council—Rev. Carl Wallace.

Dr. Wofford C. Timmons then gave the report of the Resolutions Committee, after which there followed a period of discussion and the adoption of the report. (See Exhibit 10.)

Dr. Edward C. Wilder, missionary of the American Board to India, gave an address on "The Healing Ministry."

There was a brief recess for the meeting of the Christian Missionary Association.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the chairman, Rev. Frank Apple, and the secretary was instructed to cast a unonimous ballot for the election of these officers. (See Exhibit 11.)

The Rev. Fred P. Register presented his resignation as a member of the Executive Board of the Southern Convention, which was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Place was presented and adopted. (See Exhibit 12.)

The afternoon session adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION

The evening session of the Conference was called to order by the president at 6:45.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Prof. L. L. Vaughn, chairman, and adopted as read. (See Exhibit 13.)

The report of the Treasurer was adopted. (See Exhibit 14.)

The secretary gave the report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted. (See Exhibit 15.)

The following motion was presented and passed:

VOTED: That this Conference request the North Carolina and Virginia Conference (or the body holding title) to approve the granting of a loan to the Piney Plains Church by the Church Building Society and the issuance of a mortgage for $3,000 in the church property to cover same.

On request from the Wentworth Church for its title to be transferred to the church, it was voted that the matter be referred to the North Carolina Conference of the Christian Church.

On motion of the secretary of the Conference, the following resolution was passed:

The Eastern North Carolina Conference requests the Executive Board of the Southern Convention to consider a revision of the table of apportionments before the next meeting of the Southern Convention and the granting of a larger proportion of the benevolence giving to the foreign missionary work of our church.

A motion was made and passed that Carl J. Dixon be licensed by the Executive Committee at one of the churches in which he is now serving.

Voted to order 150 ANNUALS for distribution to the churches.

It was voted that after the evening service of worship was concluded, the Conference stand adjourned.

A devotional service was conducted by Rev. George M. Tally. The Rev. Charles Jones spoke on "The Task of the Church," after which Rev. Gaylord Noyce and Rev. George Tally conducted a Service of Communion.

WILL B. O'NEILL, *President.*
RICHARD L. JACKSON, *Secretary.*

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED BY CONFERENCE
1954-55

EXHIBIT 1

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS

In preparing this report the committee wishes to call to the attention of the churches comprising the Eastern North Carolina Conference two facts: (1) That the Finance Committee of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches recommends that the giving on apportionments for the Conference be $20,475 for 1954-'55 as compared with $13,058 for 1953-'54.

This does not mean that any church will be required to give much more, if any, since all special offerings taken for our Convention Institutions and Agencies may be credited by the local church on the apportionments for these institutions and agencies. Heretofore this has not been the case with respect to special offerings. In other words, all funds designated for a specific purpose whether in the budget, raised by special offerings, or given by individual members of a local church, may go to the designated purpose but may be credited to the apportionment for that purpose.

Further, should the total giving for some one objective, through ways as designated above, be in excess of the apportioned amount for this desginated objective the excess may be credited on another apportionment item if the local church so desires.

(2) That the committee used a formula in determining the several apportionment items based on Conference Totals for a three year period (1950, 1951, 1952) on *Membership, Home Expenses, and Apportionment Giving.* The amount of each of these items for the three year period were added, then divided by three (3) to get the average for each of these items for the three year period. Next, the local church totals for the same three year period and for the same items were likewise calculated. Then the amount given by each local church for the same period and the same item, namely; *Membership, Home Expenses, and Apportionment Giving,* was expressed as a percentage of the Conference Total. The three percentages so obtained were added and divided by three (3) to get the Average Percentage for each local church.

To get the amount of any apportioned item which each church should give, just multiply the Conference apportionment item by the average percentage of the local church.

The accompaning table gives the individual amounts of each apportioned item for each local church in the Conference.

The committee can only point out the responsibility of each church on a basis of equity in giving and hope that each church will assume its proportionate share of the total amount requested of the Conference by the Southern Convention.

Respectifully submitted,

L. L. VAUGHN,
W. A. GRISSOM,
I. H. VICKERY.

EXHIBIT 2

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Many political and religious leaders of today are declaring that the only hope for civilization is a change of heart upon the part of men and nations. We believe that only The Lord Jesus Christ can bring about this change of heart. Jesus Christ is the only hope of this world, and it is up to those of us who know Him as Personal Saviour, to make Him known to the world. To do this we must renew our efforts to enlist all our people in the stewardship of personality, power, and possessions.

We believe that men without Christ are lost, and can be saved only by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, the first and most important work of the church today, is carrying the Gospel to those who are lost. "For . . . the Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Christian Stewardship in its deeper meaning will give us a new sense of values. For it is more than giving our money, it is the full consecration of ourselves to God. From the teaching of the Scripture it is clear that Bible stewardship means at least three things: (1) The acknowledgement of God's ownership of all things; (2) The acceptance of what we are and have as a trust from God; (3) The administration of the same according to the will of God.

"Where there is no vision the people perish." We believe there is need in our churches for a new vision, that will bring a deeper consecration, of our time, our talents, and our material blessings to God. (1) We need, like Isaiah, to see the Lord high and lifted up. (2) We need to see ourselves and our need. (3) We need to see the millions at home and abroad, who have never yet been reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And then say, like Isaiah, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

Your stewardship committee met in Fuquay Springs last spring, with every member present. It was decided at this meeting to show a stewardship film, and present a stewardship program in some centrally located churches, inviting people from other churches to attend. Two such programs were given. In addition to the film, "God Is My Land Lord," Brothers Glendon Johnson and T. N. Daughtry gave interesting talks at these meetings. Brother Johnson spoke of the work at Wake Chapel and Brother Daughtry told of the *Lord's Acre Plan* used at Amelia. Eleven churches were represented at these meetings.

We heartily endorse Brother Fred P. Register as our first full-time Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism in the Southern Convention. We recommend that the stewardship committee and churches of our conference work in full cooperation with him.

W. C. FARRELL, *Chairman,*
R. E. TALLY,
A. GLENDON JOHNSON,
T. N. DAUGHTERY.

EXHIBIT 3

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism is our supreme duty as a church and as Christians. It is the heart of the Gospel of Christ. There is a great call and need for winning the lost to Christ. All about us is a world in distress, and Christ is the only hope of it. It is our supreme duty and privilege to preach and present Him as the only inexhaustible source of Divine help and wisdom. Jesus came to seek and to save that which is lost. If the lost is saved He must have the help of His followers. No greater honor can come to any one than to be in a group of people who are seeking to build a better world. We believe the Church is faced or confronted with the greatest opportunity in her history. As we live in this age of transition, this atomic and hydrogen age, faced with a dimly discerned future, will the Church be big enough and courageous enough to give a decisive leadership so much needed in the spiritual affairs of the world? Let us earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the fields already white unto harvest. Also pray, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy."

Therefore we wish to make the following recommendations:

1. That we urge our people to pray earnestly for a pentecostal revival during the coming year, remembering that a period of prayer preceded Pentecost.
2. That we place greater emphasis on church attendance, setting as our goal 75 per cent or our residental membership.
3. That we seek to re-enlist inactive church members.
4. That we seek to increase our Sunday School attendance and urge the teachers to place greater emphasis o nevangelism and church loyalty.
5. That we urge our people to do more personal visitation and evangelism.
6. That wherever possible a strong Laymen's Fellowship be organized and encouraged to do evangelistic work.

J. FRANK APPLE, *Chairman,*
FRED P. REGISTER,
GEORGE M. TALLY.

EXHIBIT 4

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The Mission Board of the Southern Convention during the past year has given financial assistance to four projects within the boundaries of our conference: Fayetteville, $4,696; Chapel Hill, $400 (student work); Bethlehem, $100 (building aid); and Southern Pines, $500 (building aid).

Your committee wishes to especially commend the work done by the Eutaw Community Church (Fayetteville) under the excellent leadership of the Reverend Carl Wallace.

This committee also would like to call attention to the problems of relating the "sense of mission" of the Christian man or woman to the whole enterprise of the Christian movement rather than restricting it to a specialized group of activities known as "missions." This becomes increasingly important as the work of missions is more and more a part of the whole range of the Church's interests rather than being limited to a segregated type of program known as missionary work.

We further believe that since there is "One Mission" of the church, that this conference should have one committee concerned with all missionary aspects of our church's life.

Recommendation: That the conference committee on Home Missions be merged with the committee of Foreign Missions (and with the C. M. A. if they approve) to form the Conference Committee on Missions.

S. H. BASNIGHT, *Chairman,*
A. H. MCIVER,
I. H. VICKERY,
E. M. POWELL,
R. L. JACKSON.

EXHIBIT 5

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Foreign Missions Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Conference met one time during the year. This meeting was held at the home of Reverend E. M. Carter on February 2nd. At this meeting certain recommendations for program and procedure were made. They are as follows:

1. That we attempt to secure a returned missionary in order that he might bring to the people of our local churches a first hand report concerning the work in the mission field.

Action has already been taken on this recommendation. Dr. Edward Wilder, a returned medical missionary from India, has been secured. He will be with us here in the Eastern North Carolina Conference during the period November 3rd-23rd. Dr. Wilder has worked in India since 1921. The churches of our Conference are urged to give him their whole-hearted support. If he isn't appearing in your church, make plans to attend the church nearest you where he is appearing.

2. That each church accept as a minimum the payment of its Conference Apportionment for Missions.

Since we live in an economy in which practically everything is tied up in "dollars-and-cents," it is imperative that we realize our obligation as Christian men and women where this matter is concerned.

3. That each church present at least one good mission film during the coming year.

"One picture is worth a thousand words" says an old Chinese proverb. Few would doubt the wisdom and truth of this saying. Realizing that a film is more effective than the reading of a book or the preaching of a sermon, let us endeavour to bring to our people the knowledge and inspiration that is to be gained through the showing of good mission films. The Women's Organizations in our churches are especially urged to participate in the showing of either "The City Story" or "The Beginning."

4. That the Conference Committee on Foreign Missions and the Conference Committee on Home Missions be merged to form the Conference Committee on Missions.

We live in a world in which a distinct line can no longer be drawn between "Foreign" and "Home" missions. Not only has modern transportation reduced our world in time and allowed us to become citizens of that world, but our increased awareness of our relationship with Christians regardless of their race or nationality brings us face to face with the fact that our responsibility is not to "Home" and "Foreign" missions distinct and apart from one another, but our responsibility is to a Christian World Mission.

W. A. RICH, *Chairman,*
E. M. CARTER,
MRS. R. L. JACKSON.

EXHIBIT 6

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Protestant movement away from the Roman Catholic Church in the sixteenth century left one area of religious life dangerously exposed—education. Whereas the Old Church had an continued to train her members through parochial schools, the new movement soon led in other directions. Robert Raikes brought back into focus this neglected area when he started the Sunday School movement in 1780 in England. Our Sunday Schools continue today but are they filling this exposed area? Many critics today are saying that our Sunday Schools are just a thin veneering over an otherwise vacant spot in our religious life. James Smart in his new book, *The Teaching Ministry of the Church,* points ont that we are rearing a generation of Christians who do not know what nor why they believe as they do. The often used expression, "Sunday School Stuff," for all that is trite and meaningless seems appropriate. Discerning Christians are faced with the truth—whether we continue our Sunday Schools in the same irrelevant manner and satisfy ourselves with children ignorant of their faith or we determine to put some meaning into our program of Christian Education.

A program of Christian Education to be meaningful will be designed so as to synchronize the Sunday School with the total program of the Church, and above all will include the home. At best the Sunday School has the child the equivalent of three school days a year. Thus, a total educating atmosphere must be established by church and home cooperating together. Any program short of this total atmosphere will result in the problem we are trying to fight through. As to content, we must rethink our Bible and be honest and open in our conclusions. The "Book of Books" must be made relevant for life today. The time for "fear of offense" must give way to our Lord's commission to win the lost. Christian Education has and continues to play a vital role in the salvation of men

Locally in our E. N. C. Conference this past year we conducted a well-attended Superintendent's Meeting at Wake Chapel Church in January. In July our annual Sunday School Convention was held at Oak Level Church. The program at each of these meetings was designed to awaken Sunday School leaders to the important task of Christian Education.

In consideration of the above report this committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the churches of our Conference discreetly observe the weeks of the year designated for Religious Education emphasis.
2. That each Sunday School or Church organize a Worker's Council for the purpose of making their program of Christian Education more effective.
3. That *Advance* and *The Christian Sun* be subscribed to by at least one Sunday School leader for the purpose of using pertinent material in the educational program.
4. That a library be established in every church in our conference.

5. That a continuous emphasis be placed on Elon College as our church related school.

CARL WALLACE, *Chairman,*
G. JULIUS RICE,
CHARLES JONES,
C. W. RUSSUM.

EXHIBIT 7

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND STANDING OF THE MINISTRY

We, the members of this Committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That James W. Walters, a member of Piney Plains Church, Route 4, Raleigh, be received as a candidate for the Ministry in the Biblical Class and that he receive a home course of study and be given every encouragement to get his college and seminary degrees.
2. That Carl J. Dixon, who has satisfactorily completed two years of prescribed course of study, be granted licensure at this Conference session and that he be admitted to a further course of study covering a period of three years, on satisfactory completion of which he shall be eligible for Conference Ordination.
3. That Wofford C. Timmons, minister of our Southern Pines Church, who has presented a letter of transfer from the Central Association of Congregational Christian Churches in fellowship with the Connecticut Conference, be received as a minister of this Conference in full standing.
4. That Gaylord B. Noyce, minister of the United Church in Raleigh, who has presented a letter of transfer from the Woburn Association in fellowship with the Massachusetts Congregational Christian Conference, be received as a minister of this Conference in full standing.
5. That G. Julius Rice's Conference Ordination be continued.
6. That the standing of W. L. Wood, Box 55, Long Eddy, N. Y., who has retired from the active pastorate, be continued here.
7. That Gil Marsh be continued as a Candidate for the Ministry in the Biblical Class.
8. That the standing of Fred P. Register, who will labour as a member of the Staff of the Southern Convention be continued here.
9. That when the Rev. R. Eugene Tally presents a letter of transfer from the Eastern Virginia Conference, he be duly received as a minister in full standing in this conference.
10. That Billy Joe Willett and James Hatch, high school students be continued under the care of Conference as prospective candidates for the ministry.

FRED P. REGISTER, *Chairman,*
J. FRANK APPLE,
CARL E. WALLACE,
R. L. JACKSON.

EXHIBIT 8

RESOLUTION REGARDING ELON COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

Whereas the Southern Convention has previously authorized the raising of the Two and One-Half Million Dollar Fund for Elon College and

Whereas the task of raising this fund has not been completed, and

Whereas the ministers of the Southern Convention at a meeting in Henderson, North Carolina, on January 5, 1954, approved the campaign and voted unanimously to undertake to raise in the churches of the Southern Convention the sum of $300,000—$150,000 from the churches in Virginia as part payment on Virginia Hall, a dormitory for girls, and $150,000 from the churches in North Carolina as part payment on Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys, therefore

Be it resolved, that the Eastern North Carolina Conference accept the recommendation of our ministers and authorize the Executive Committee of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, in cooperation with the Superintendent of the Southern Convention and officials of the College, to proceed with plans and a campaign to secure its pro-rata share of the $150,000 for Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys, and issue a challenge to the Western and North Carolina and Virginia Conferences to cooperate in the securing of $150,000 for Carolina Hall.

EXHIBIT 9

REPORT OF SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Your Committee has met serval times during the past year and discussed various phases of Social Action. Perhaps our meetings have been more social than action. However, we do have some definite suggestions and recommendations which we hope will be of benefit through the greater influences of our Churches for the Kingdom of God.

We recommend:

1. That we increase our gift from $50.00 to $75.00 per year to the North Carolina Council of Churches, in light of the splendid work and pressing needs of this organization.
2. That we make an initial contribution of $25.00 to the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, because of its pressing needs and excellent work.

As an auxiliary of this report, we are presenting the Reverend Carl R. Key, State Director of CROP, who will speak directly of some of the challenging social issues of our day.

W. A. GRISSOM, *Chairman,*
W. A. RICH,
MRS. GEORGE NICHOLSON.

EXHIBIT 10

RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Resolutions submits the following report:

1. That we express our heartfelt appreciation to the minister and members of the Piney Plains Church for their gracious hospitality, as made evident by the delicious meals, good fellowship and friendly welcome. We compliment the Church on the splendid reconstruction of their Sanctuary and facilities, and rejoice in this privilege or returning after 20 years for this session of the Conference; and we pray God's blessing upon their continued ministry to this community.
2. We express our gratitude to those who prepared the program of the Conference; to the officers of the Conference, and the Committees, for the setting forth of our common task; and to Mrs. L. C. Neville, of Chapel Hill, who typed the reports gratis, and made the mimeographed copies available.
3. To all those who have presented the challenging reports and messages, especially our guests and visitors from afar, Dr. Sidney M. Berry, of London, and Dr. Edward W. Wilder, of India, and our leaders from other Conferences, we offer our grateful appreciation.
4. That we, as a Conference, join heartily in the proposed "Centennial Observance" of the Southern Convention, incorporating as far as possible all the objectives of the Program of Advance in our local churches.
5. That we join with the State and Nation in expressing our deep regret at the untimely death of Governor Umstead, remembering his contribution to the cause of Christian citizenship and Christian standards; and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate this expression of our sympathy to the family of Governor Umstead.

6. That we, as a Conference, call upon our people to study with care and prayer the voted resolution of our General Council regarding the difficult problem of non-segregation; and that we reffirm the historic principle (Number 4) of the "Christian Church" (as given on page 16 in the Manual of the Southern Convention) namely, "Christian character is a sufficient test of fellowship, and of Church membership." That our Social Action Committee, in cooperation with the Churches, carry forward such studies and activities as may develop better understanding of and support for the Christian ideal, and the implementation of the Supreme Court decisions.
7. We rejoice in the provision of the Convention of the newly appointed Director of Stewardship and Evangelism, the Rev. Fred P. Register; and the Rev. John S. Graves as Director of Christian Education and Youth Work; and that we pledge to them our hearty support; that we endeavor, especially, the strengthening and growth of our Churches through comprehensive and aggressive programs of evangelism, education and stewardship.
8. That we pledge our support to the Executive Committee of our General Council in the recently sought renewal of effort toward the merger of our Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

WOFFORD C. TIMMONS, *Chm.*,
G. JOHNSON,
W. A. GRISSOM,
Committee.

EXHIBIT 11

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President—Dr. W. B. O'Neill.
Vive-President—Rev. Carl Wallace.
Secretary—Rev. Richard L. Jackson.
Treasurer—W. J. Ballentine.

Laymen at Large on the Executive Committee of the Conference:
T. N. Daughtery and James C. Washburn.

Representatives to the North Carolina Council of Churches:
Rev. W. A. Grissom and Rev. Gaylord P. Noyce.

Representatives on the Executive Board of the Southern Convention:
Rev. J. Frank Apple.

J. FRANK APPLE, *Chairman*,
CARL WALLACE,
MISS SUSIE ALLEN.

EXHIBIT 12

COMMITTEE ON PLACE

The Committee on Place would like to make the following report:

1. We have received several invitations from churches of our conference for next year. Your committee recommends that the invitation of the New Hope Church be accepted since the Conference has not met there for between 25 and 30 years.
2. It is further recommended that the Executive Committee be empowered to work with the other two conferences in North Carolina in setting up a permanent time and date for the future conference sessions.

W. A. RICH, *Chairman*,
I. H. VICKERY,
T. N. DAUGHTERY.

EXHIBIT 13

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your committee, have examined the records of the treasurer, W. J. Ballentine and find them to be correct as reported.

Balance from 1953	$ 814.74
Collections, 1954	1,365.75
	$2,180.49
Disbersements	1,187.13
Balance	$ 993.36

We make the following recommendations·

1. That the travel expenses of the Executive Committee to necessary meetings be paid upon the approval of the Conference secretary.
2. That the Conference secretary be paid a minimum of $50 per annum for secretarial services.
3. That Dr. Sidney M. Berry be paid $25 to apply to expense account.

L. L. VAUGHN, *Chairman,*
MRS. R. M. CLINE,
G. J. RICE,
Committee.

EXHIBIT 14

REPORT OF TREASURER

1953-54

October 13, 1953, Balance on Hand		$ 814.74
Receipts		
Contributions paid by the churches		1,365.75
		$2,108.49
Disbursements		
Fuquay Printery	$ 15.00	
Dr. A. J. Walton, travel	15.00	
George Colclough, Annuals	141.00	
Telephone Expense, Rev. F. Register	12.00	
Dr. W. E. Wisseman, tralel	10.00	
Dr. F. C. Lester, travel	10.00	
North Carolina Council of Churches	50.00	
Secretary's Supplies and Postage	18.94	
R. L. Jackson, Salary	50.00	
E. M. Carter, Postage for Annuals	8.00	
G. Colclough, Minister's Insurance	577.44	
Stationery	8.00	
Christian Sun, photograph	3.75	
Southern Convention Annuals, 1954	176.00	
George Colclough, Insurance	92.00	
		1,187.13
Balance on Hand, November 9, 1954		$ 993.36

W. J. BALLENTINE, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 15

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Conference met three times during the year ending, October 31, 1954.

On April 23, 1954, the Board met in Sanford. It was voted to omit the Spring Conference Session this year because of an overcrowded schedule, postponing it to the Spring of 1955. It was voted also, to write the churches for permission to change the date of the Conference from October 19 to November 9 for the purpose of making it more convenient in arranging for speakers. (Vote of the churches responding 32-2 favoring change). Delegates were elected to the General Council meeting in New Haven in June, 1954.

On May 23, a meeting was held in Raleigh at which time it was voted to accept the conference quota for the Church Building and Loan Fund of $17,690. Of that amount $12,170 had already been pledged by the churches.

The third meeting was held on October 11, at Sanford at which time the program for the Conference at Piney Plains Church on November 9 was drawn up.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD L. JACKSON,
Secretary.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Apple, J. Frank—Church, First, Henderson; sermons, 78; members received, 23; weddings,8; baptisms, 10; conversions, 13; funerals,12.

Carter, Emory R.—Churches, Mt. Hermon, Good Hope, Fuller's Chapel, Youngsville; sermons, 73; new members, 12; baptisms, 10; funerals, 12.

Farrell, W. Clay—Churches, Auburn, Ebenezer, Hayes Chapel, Wentworth, Zion; sermons, 135; new members, 44; weddings, 9; baptisms, 33; funerals, 24.

Grissom, W. A.—Church, Liberty (Vance); sermons, 54; new members, 17; weddings, 6; baptisms, 7; funerals, 5.

Howard, B. J.—No report.

Jackson, Richard L.—Church, United Chapel Hill; sermons, 60; new members, 37; weddings, 3; baptisms, 10; funerals,2.

Johnson, J. Lee—No report.

Jones, Charles M.—Sermons, 48; new members, 80; weddings, 8; baptisms, 8; funerals, 1;

Lindner, Kenneth M.—No report. (In the U. S. armed forces chaplaincy corps)

Marr, Wade S.—No report.

Noyce, Gaylord—Church, United Church, Raleigh; sermons, 20; new members, 6; baptisms, 1; (2 months as pastor of United Church).

O'Neill, Will B.—Church, Sanford; sermons, 50; new members,6; weddings, 3; baptisms, 3; funerals, 5.

Parker, William L.—No report.

Powell, Elmore—Churches, Oak Level, Damascus, Pope's Chapel, Morrisville; sermons, 146; new members, 14; weddings, 4; baptisms, 8; funerals, 8; conversions, many.

Register, Fred P.—Sermons, 90; new members, 16; weddings, 6; baptisms, 7; funerals, 10.

Rice, G. Julius—Churches, Shallow Well and Turner's Chapel; sermons, 99; new members, 46; weddings, 4; baptisms, 13; funerals, 14.

Rich, William A.—Churches, Bethlehem, Mt. Auburn, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Gilead; sermons, 125; new members, 13; weddings, 1; baptisms, 10; funerals, 3.

Simmons, Bill—Churches, Pleasant Grove, Grace's Chapel, Lee's Chapel; sermons, 88; new members, 13; baptisms, 13; funerals, 12.

Steininger, William R.—No report (Chaplain at Dix Hill Hospital).

Tally, George M.—Churches, Christian Light, Lebanon, Piney Plain, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Hill; sermons, 157; new members, 15; weddings, 2; baptisms, 11; conversions, many; funerals, 22.

Tally, R. Eugene—Churches, Elm Ave., Portsmouth, Va., Beulah and New Hope; sermons, 138; new members, 23; weddings, 8; baptisms, 9; funerals, 13.

Timmons, Wofford C.—Church of Wide Fellowship, Southern Pines; sermons, 28; new members, 41; weddings, 3; baptisms, 19; funerals, 3.

Wallace, Carl—Churches, Eutaw Community Church, Fayetteville, Hope Mills; sermons,90; new members, 60; weddings, 2; baptisms, 16; funerals, 2.

Wood, William L.—No report.

BIBLICAL CLASS

Dixon, Carl—Churches, Christian Chapel, Moore Union; sermons, 102; new members, 20; baptisms, 15; funerals, 3.

Marsh, Gilbert A.—Student at Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect St. New Haven, Conn.

Walters, James—No report.

Proceedings of the First Mid-Year Session of the WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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ASHEBORO CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1954

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MORNING SESSION

The first mid-year session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by Rev. M. A. Pollard, president, in the Asheboro Church on Thursday, March 4,, 1954.

The opening devotional service was led by Rev. G. H. Veazey, who talked on "The Ideal Church." Rev. Max Vestal led in prayer.

The program of the Mid-Year Conference was adopted on motion of S. E. Madren, seconded by G. H. Veazey.

Roll call showed sixteen ministers present. Dr. W. E. Wisseman and Rev. Mark Andes were introduced as guests and accepted as deliberative members.

Dr. Wisseman addressed the group on "How to Get and Use Church Members." This address was followed by an open discussion of evangelism and the crusade to be held April 4-11, 1954, throughout the Conference.

A panel discussion on "How Our Churches Work" was led by Dr. Wisseman, Rev. Mark Andes, E. H. Cole, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt and W. H. Freeman.

Additional visitors accepted as deliberative members were: Dr. L. E. Smith, Dr. John G. Truitt, Dr. H. P. Bozarth and Dr. H. E. Robinson.

Prayer before lunch was led by Rev. R. T. Grissom.

LUNCHEON—12:30-1:30

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:30 by President M. A. Pollard. The afternoon devotional was led by Rev. L. M. Presnell.

It was voted that the Executive Committee certify delegates to the Southern Convention.

It was voted to elect as delegates to the General Council: Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rev. Max Vestal, Mrs. I. L. McDowell and Hubert L. Beane. It was voted to pay $30.00 on the expense of each delegate from this Conference to the General Council.

"Our Missionary Program" was presented by Dr. F. C. Lester, who told of our Home Missions, and Dr. Henry E. Robinson of Burlington, a

member of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, who spoke on Foreign Missions.

"How Our Churches Help Our College" was presented by President L. E. Smith of Elon College.

"The Churches Care for Children" was the topic of Dr. J. G. Truitt, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage.

"The Church Building Loan Fund" was presented by F. C. Lester.

Information concerning Conference work was presented by the secretary.

The closing devotional was conducted by Dr. Henry E. Robinson.

The meeting adjourned.

M. A. POLLARD, *President.*
F. C. LESTER, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Eighty-Fourth Annual Session of the WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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GRACE'S CHAPEL, SANFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1954

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MORNING SESSION

The eighty-fourth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches convened at Grace's Chapel, Thursday, November 11, 1954. President M. A. Pollard called Conference to order at 9:30 a. m., and led in singing a hymn.

Devotional services were led by Rev. R. T. Grissom, who used as his theme "The Keys of the Kingdom."

Welcome was extended by Rev. Bill Simmons, pastor of the local church.

Ministers and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Ministers

Elders—E. Carl Brady, Winfred Bray, Rosser Lee Clapp, J. U. Fogleman, R. T. Grissom, F. C. Lester, B. H. Lowdermilk, S. E. Madren, Thomas W. Madren, M. A. Pollard, L. M. Presnell, Bill Simmons, Guy H. Veazey, Max Vestal.

Local Ordination—L. W. Burgess, Martin L. Fogleman.
Licentiates—Avery Brown, Gene Thomas.
Biblical Class—Gale Brady, Curtis Medlin.

Churches

Albemarle—Mrs. H. B. Baker, Quince Whitley; 1 visitor.
Antioch (C)—Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rives.
Antioch (R) Report; 1 visitor.
Asheboro—Mrs. Helen C. Beane, Wm. H. Hughes, Jr.; 2 visitors.
Bailey's Grove—Eli H. Cole, T. F. Robbins; 1 visitor.
Bennett—Mrs. Cora Murray, L. M. Murray.
Big Oak—C. L. Cole, W. S. Cole.
Biscoe—
Brown's Chapel—Mrs. Mary Britt, Clarence Britt; 1 visitor.
Center Grove—
Ether—Mrs. Perry Freeman, Mrs. Elbert Mabe; 1 visitor.
Flint Hill (M)—Mrs. Paul Britt, Edgar McCallum; 2 visitors.
Flint Hill (R)—Mrs. Horace Farlow, Mrs. Clyde Richardson.
Grace's Chapel—R. B. Coggins, Mrs. Ralph Foushee.
Hank's Chapel—T. W. Farrell, L. J. Riddle, Jr.
High Point—Mrs. Cicero Crump, Mrs. B. P. Moffitt; 1 visitor.

Liberty—Mrs. L. M. Presnell, Mrs. Earl Stout, Sr.; 1 visitor.
Mt. Pleasant—E. M. Marks, A. McKay; 3 visitors.
Needham's Grove—Report.
New Center—E. L. Beck, L. B. Craven; 1 visitor.
Parks Cross Roads—
Patterson's Grove—
Pleasant Cross—Mrs. Helen Rich, Marvin Rich.
Pleasant Grove—L. H. Brady, Marvin Jones; 8 visitors.
Pleasant Hill—Clarence Fogleman, Rayborn Hinshaw; 4 visitors.
Pleasant Ridge—Everett Cox, S. H. Pell; 2 visitors.
Pleasant Union—Mrs. Dannie Garner, Herman McDowell; 4 visitors.
Providence Chapel—H. B. Jason Moore.
Ramseur—Mrs. Claude Craven, Sherman Maness; 2 visitors.
Randleman—L. V. Dorsett, Mrs. W. G. Lamb; 3 visitors.
Seagrove—Mrs. Ivey Luck, Boyd King; 1 visitor.
Shady Grove—Sherman Freeman, Jr., Miss Betty Russell.
Shiloh—Report.
Smithwood—Mrs. A. S. Layton, Thomas B. Lowe; 5 visitors.
Sophia—Mrs. Metta Hall, Mrs. Sue Hollingsworth; 1 visitor.
Spoon's Chapel—Miss Edith Stout, Mrs. Nolan Voncannon; 2 visitors.
Union Grove—Edward Cagle, Paul Wilson; 4 visitors.
Zion—Mrs. W. C. Farrell.

Introductions were made by S. H. Pell, who presented the following guests: Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College; Dr. J. G. Truitt, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage; Rev. Fred P. Register, secretary-elect for Stewardship and Evangelism; Dr. S. C. Harrell, editor of *The Christian Sun;* Dr. W. T. Scott, superintendent of the Southern Convention; Dr. Sidney M. Berry of London, England, secretary of the International Congregational Council; Dr. and Mrs. Ross Sanderson, directors of Franklinton Center at Bricks; Rev. Lawrence Leonard, pastor of the Asheboro Evangelical and Reformed Church; and Revs. Clay Ferrell and G. M. Tally of the Eastern North Carolina Conference. They were invited to seats as deliberative members.

The president appointed the following committees:

Nominations—Rev. Winfred Bray, Chairman; Rev. Bill Simmons, Rev. Avery Brown.
Resolutions—Rev. E. Carl Brady, Chairman; Rev. G. H. Veazey, Rev. Rosser Lee Clapp.
Finance—Rev. S. E. Madren, Chairman; Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, Rev. M. L. Fogleman.
Place—Rev. Lunnie Burgess, Chairman; Mr. Paul Wilson, Mr. Rayborn Hinshaw.
Publicity—Rev. Max Vestal, Chairman; Rev. L. M. Presnell.

The program was adopted as presented by the committee, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

Reports were read and adopted as follows: Executive Committee, Moral Reform, Ministerial and Church Relations, Elon College Sustaining Fund. (See reports.)

President L. E. Smith presented a resolution concerning new buildings planned for Elon College, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Motions passed by Conference.)

The resolution was approved.

Reports were read and adopted as follows: Church Building Loan Fund, Treasurer, Christian Education, Religious Literature. (See reports.)

The report on Stewardship and Apportionments was read, discussed and tabled until afternoon.

Supt. W. T. Scott presented Southern Convention plans for "The Centennial Program of Advance" for 1954-56.

A very stimulating and informative address was given by Dr. Sidney M. Berry of London, England, minister and secretary of the International Congregational Council, who told of our work around the world.

After a prayer of thanks for the luncheon and benediction by Dr. L. E. Smith, the Conference recessed until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference reconvened at 2:00 p. m., and the hymn and prayer were led by Gale Brady, a member of the Biblical Class.

Rev. Carl R. Key of Durham presented the work of the North Carolina Council of Churches and the Christian Rural Overseas Program.

Reports were read and adopted as follows: Stewardship and Apportionments, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Evangelism, Sunday School Convention, Laymen's Fellowship, Woman's Missionary Conference, Pilgrim Fellowship, Nominations, Ministry, Resolutions, Finance, and Place. (See reports.)

During the business session several motions were passed. (See votes.)

Upon Nomination and vote, the president declared the following officers elected for 1954-55:

President—Rev. S. E. Madren.
Vice-President—Rev. M. A. Pollard.
Secretary—Rev. Max Vestal.
Assistant Secretary—S. H. Pell.
Treasurer—I. L. McDowell.
Representatives to the N. C. Council of Churches—Dr. F. C. Lester, Rev. L. M. Presnell.

Gene Thomas, a member of the Biblical Class, was licensed to preach by President M. A. Pollard.

Thomas Wheeler Madren, a licentiate of the Conference, was ordained to the gospel ministry. He was presented by Revs. Winfred Bray and Bill Simmons, and was ordained by a presbytery consisting of President M. A. Pollard, Rev. R. T. Grissom, who led a prayer; Dr. W. T. Scott, who gave the charge, and Rev. S. E. Madren, who presented the Bible to his son.

A memorial service for the Rev. Thomas J. Green, who passed away in March, 1954, was led by Rev. Winfred Bray.

The Conference adjourned to meet in a one-day session next spring at Asheboro, and a one-day session next fall, time of the sessions and place of the fall session to be determined by the Executive Committee.

Below, as part of these minutes will be found votes passed by Conference and reports adopted by the Conference.

M. A. POLLARD, *President.*
F. C. LESTER, *Secretary.*

OFFICERS

President—Rev. S. E. Madren, 1120 Carolina Ave., Albemarle, N. C.

Vice-President—Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rt. 2, Liberty, N. C.

Secretary—Rev. Max Vestal, Rt. 1, Ramseur, N. C.

Assistant Secretary—Sybrant H. Pell, Rt. 1, Ramseur, N. C.

Treasurer—I. L. McDowell, Rt. 2, Asheboro, N. C.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive—Rev. S. E. Madren, Rev. Max Vestal, I. L. McDowell, Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rev. F. C. Lester

Missions—W. H. Hughes, Jr., Mrs. Troy Hall, Miss Lola Farlow.

Christian Education and Literature—Rev. Thomas Madren, Gale Brady, Jack Shoffner.

Evangelism—Rev. L. M. Presnell, Rev. Martin Fogleman, Rev. H. V. Cox.

Ministry—Rev. Winfred Bray, Rev. E. Carl Brady, Rev. R. L. Clapp, Rev. Bill Simmons.

Stewardship and Apportionments—S. H. Pell, W. G. Lamb, Rev. Avery Brown.

Social Action—Paul Wilson, Rev. John Bowers, Curtis Medlin.

Memoirs—Rev. M. A. Pollard, Rev. B. H. Lowdermilk, Rev. L. W. Burgess.

MOTIONS PASSED BY CONFERENCE

Voted:

1. To adopt the following resolution concerning Elon College:

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Southern Convention has previously authorized the raising of the Two and One-Half Million Dollar Fund for Elon College, and

Whereas the task of raising this fund has not been completed, and

Whereas the ministers of the Southern Convention at a meeting in Henderson, North Carolina, on January 5, 1954, approved the campaign and voted unanimously to undertake to raise in the churches of the Southern Convention the sum of $300,000.00—$150,000.00 from the churches in Virginia as part payment on Virginia Hall, a dormitory for girls, and $150,000.00 from the churches in North Carolina as part payment on Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys, therefore

Be It Resolved: That the Western North Carolina Conference accept the recommendation of our ministers and authorize the Executive Committee of the Western North Carolina Confernece, in cooperation with the Superintendent of the Southern Convention and officials of the College, to proceed with plans and a campaign to secure its pro-rata share of the $150,000.00 for Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys, and issue a challenge to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference to cooperate in the securing of $150,000.00 for Carolina Hall.

2. To accept the new Apportionments as goals toward which to work. If a church cannot pay its apportionments in full, then it is asked to pay on each item about in proportion.

3. To give a Bible to each person when ordained. The chairman of the Committee on the Ministry is to secure the book for presentation.

4. To hold a one-day session in the spring, primarily for education and inspiration, and a one-day session in the fall, primarily for business.

5. To hold the spring session at Asheboro, date to be set by the Executive Committee. Time and place of the fall session to be arranged by the Executive Committee.

6. To cooperate with the Southern Convention in its "Centennial Program of Advance" during the 1954-56 biennium.

7. That the secretary be authorized to complete the minutes and have them printed in THE ANNUAL.

8. That the Conference purchase 200 copies of THE ANNUAL; that copies be sent to the ministers and Conference officials, and that the remainder be prorated to the churches.

NOTE: Several of the reports contain recommendations which were approved by vote.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY CONFERENCE

Reports to Conference given below are in alphabetical order for ease in finding, rather than in the order of adoption:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jesus is the central personality of the Bible. The Old Testament gives the story of the preparation for His coming. The New Testament tells us of His life, His teaching, and His death and resurrection. It also gives the interpetation of Him by those who lived in His day and came under His teachings and influence. It tells the story of the founding of the Christian church to carry on the work of Jesus. It is the purpose of the church today to teach Jesus and His way of life in every phase. We preach and teach so that persons of all ages may come into right relationship with God and continue in that relationship.

Christian education is a means by which the church proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is a means whereby children, young people, and adults are instructed to the Kingdom of God. It is through Christian education in our homes, in our churches, and in our schools that we discover the true love of God.

How are we to know if our Christian education program is adequate for our church? How can we know our weaknesses and strengths and plan for improvement? The following points is a standard recommended by the Division of Christian Education by which we may check our program:

1. The church provides educational activities for persons of all ages. In addition to the work of the Sunday school, there will be youth groups, young adult groups, and a variety of adult activities.
2. The church plans a comprehensive and unified program for the church. A program that is based upon a body of curriculum materials which truly interpret the faith and mission of the church.
3. The church makes it clear to the adult members that the educational program is a church-and-home plan, and gives as much attention to the family aspect as it does to the activities of Sunday morning.
4. The church selects its teachers and leaders carefully, holds workers conferences, and encourages attendance at leadership schools.
5. The church recognizes that worship is central in the life of the church and in Christian experience and plans its worship periods as carefully as it does its study program.
6. The church makes effort to reach the unreached in the community and to bring them into the fellowship of the church.
7. The church provides adequate equipment so that each group may do good work.
8. The church plans special summer activities which make these months a time of growth and preparation for the rest of the year. This should include Bible school, camps for children and young people, conferences to meet with other people.

How does your church stand according to this standard? Does it meet the requirements of a well-rounded program? It is the hope of this committee that this year all our churches will strive to meet these requirements.

BILL SIMMONS, *Chairman,*
J. U. FOGLEMAN,
W. W. THOMAS.

CHURCH BUILDING LOAN FUND

The Church Building Loan Fund campaign is not over in our Conference, because we have not completed our job.

It had been our hope that the churches would have pledged the $11,500 voted by this Conference as its quota. But, so far as we know, thirteen churches have signed Declarations amounting to $5,100, which leaves a balance of $6,400 for the other churches.

It is hoped that payments will begin this year, and continue annually until paid in full.

It is very important for us to do our full share because:

1. It is our first chance to help in this matter;
2. We have received generously from the funds which we did not give;
3. We need to call for aid from this source, and will be in need for years to come as we grow.

Hence your committee recommends that Conference again request all the churches to share in this important matter.

S. H. PELL, *Chairman*,
MRS. ORVA BROWN,
R. L. CLAPP,
R. T. GRISSOM,
MRS. TROY HALL,
F. C. LESTER,
S. E. MADREN,
SHERMAN MANESS,
I. L. MCDOWELL,
L. M. PRESNELL,
BILL SIMMONS,
MAX VESTAL,
MRS. GLENN WHITE.

ELON COLLEGE SUSTAINING FUND

In recent years the Southern Convention has asked the churches to give to Elon College annually one dollar per member as a Sustaining Fund. This has been in addition to the small Apportionment for the college. Small? Well, it has averaged about 27 cents per member annually, or one half cent per week. That surely could not be called LARGE.

Now the Convention is asking the churches to increase the Apportionment giving, and to discontinue the Sustaining Fund.

This is the way it works. The past year this Conference was asked for $1,140 through Apportionments, and $4,169 through the Sustaining Fund, or a total of $5,-309. For the coming year we are asked to give $2,660 through Apportionments and none through the Sustaining Fund. This is a decrease in total askings for the college of $2,649, or almost one-half. From our point of view, that sounds like a bargain.

But we must remember that Elon College needs enough money so it can function properly. More people are seeking a college education than ever before. Costs continually rise. We must not expect others to carry this important phase of our Church work for us. Each must do his share. This is the only way that we can feel honest and honorable. If we try real hard, each member should be able to contribute his sixty-six cents to Elon College during the coming year.

People need college training. Without it one cannot be his best in a world like ours. This education needs Christian content given by those who display Christian character. This the State cannot guarantee, but the Church can. Here is still to be found the argument for the Christian college. It opens to each of us an opportunity to have a share in shaping the destiny of our nation, and our world, by helping to train properly those who are to be our leaders. Count it a privilege, therefore, to share in the support of Elon College, a college owned and operated by Christians in North Carolina and Virginia, a college with excellent history, a successful present, and a future limited only by the Christian devotion of us, the members of Congregational Christian Churches.

F. C. LESTER, *Chairman*,
M. A. POLLARD,
R. T. GRISSOM,
CYRUS SHOFFNER.

EVANGELISM

The evangelistic function of our Church has been its life blood from the very beginning. Our Lord and Saviour gave the foundation in His command, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." The early leaders of the church accepted the command, and they "went everywhere preaching the word."

Our Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Fellowship is challenged to place special emphasis on Evangelism for the next biennium. The following goal is suggested:

1. At least one new member per month per 100 members of the church That this effort be made through:
   - A. Sunday School.
   - B. Personal Evangelism.
   - C. Preaching Mission, or season of Revival services.
   - D. Pastor's Class.
2. That the period beginning with Lent be set aside for the special emphasis.

In the recent meeting of the committees from the Southern Convention we reaffirmed the reason for evangelistic efforts on the part of the Christian—here it is:

"I believe Jesus lived and died for me and for all mankind, a free gift from God, that I and every other person might have Eternal life here and throughout all Eternity. In loving recognition of this gift from God to me, I am impelled to bear my witness of that love and gift; by word, deed, and life. By cooperative action with my brethren, who likewise recognize God's love, and supreme Gift. I shall with them seek to find and use the best methods possible to bring others in acceptance and recognition of this love and gift."

We welcome the Rev. Fred Register into our fellowship to help us in the great task of Stewardship and Evangelism. We pledge to him and to God our loyal support in this great undertaking.

R. T. GRISSOM, *Chairman,*
H. V. COX,
N. L. RUMLEY.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In keeping with the vote of Conference, both Bill Simmons and Winfred Bray were ordained to the gospel ministry. They elected to have these services in the churches they were serving. Brother Simmons was ordained at Pleasant Grove on July 4, 1954, and Brother Bray was ordained at Randleman on October 3, 1954.

The mid-year session of Conference was held at Asheboro as voted by Conference, and as the minutes will indicte.

Because of conflict with the regular meeting date of the Eastern Virginia Conference, the time for this session had to be changed from November 4 to November 11, which is the regular time for our meeting.

In keeping with the vote of Conference to raise $11,500 for the Building Loan Fund of the denomination, the Executive Committee signed a Declaration of Purpose for the Conference to complete this amount.

On recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, Curtis Medlin, a member of Grace's Chapel and a student at Elon College, was admitted to the Biblical Class.

We have noted with interest the successful work of many of our churches through the year. More of them are claiming full time of a minister. This is what we had all hoped. But we regret that this growth, together with the loss of some of our ministers, means that several churches are finding it difficult to secure adequate pastoral service for the coming year. Your committee stands ready to render every possible service to the churches in this, or any other phase of our work.

M. A. POLLARD, *President,*
F. C. LESTER, *Secretary,*
I. L. MCDOWELL, *Treasurer.*
MAX B. VESTAL,
S. H. PELL.

FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, have examined the books of the treasurer, I. L. McDowell, and find them correct.

We recommend:

1. That $15.00 be paid Dr. Sidney M. Berry for travel expenses.
2. That $100.00 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches.
3. That the secretary of Conference be paid for salary and expense, when the bill is presented to the Executive Committee.
4. That any money received from churches within the next ten days be credited in this report.

S. E. MADREN, *Chairman,*
B. H. LOWDERMILK,
M. L. FOGLEMAN.

FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, are glad to report that if the reports that have come to us from the churches of the Conference are correct, the Conference has done a little more for foreign missions this year than in years past.

However, we feel that if the world is to have the peace that all of us hope for, the church will play the big part in securing it, if we are to carry out the command of our Saviour, who said, "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations."

The Sophia Church is to be commended that out from it this year went one to give not just a part of her means, but her all to the field of foreign missions, Miss Bouneva Farlow. May our prayers and our means follow her.

Your committee would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That all pastors secure the literature that is available from the Mission Board and see that it is placed where all members can find it and read it.
2. That special emphasis be given to the teaching of missions during the Mission Period and that all people of the church be given a chance to contribute to missions during that period.
3. That we make use of the speakers from the mission field when they are available to speak in our churches.
4. That we seek to find those who might be called to do mission work, and if they be found within our church, then aid them in any way that we can.

L. M. PRESNELL, *Chairman,*
LUNNIE BURGESS,
VON ALLEN,
MRS. B. P. MOFFITT.

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Home Missions, feel that churches in the Western North Carolina Conference have failed in many ways to grow spiritually and materially. This is due partly because the committees and laymen of the Conference have not worked as we should have. However, there definitely has been some progress made. We wish to commend the laymen and leadrs of the church, along with the committees and leaders of the Conference, for your sincere efforts in helping the churches to advance.

The Southern Convention has secured the Rev. Fred Register to assist in evangelism and stewardship. We believe this can be of real help to the churches, and we hope that he will be invited to them.

Home missions include the work of the Conference, the Southern Convention and across our nation. Many buildings need improvement, and hundreds of new churches need to be built. In our own area we are greatly in need of more ministers, which means we need more money to support them. Other denominations around us are growing. We need to do likewise.

Therefore, it is recommended:

1. That we be constantly in prayer for our churches.
2. That we contribute financially to this worthy cause.
3. That we work together in building new churches and improving old ones.
4. That no church be without a pastor for any length of time, if it is at all possible to secure one.
5. That all churches pay their apportionments in full.
6. That all churches cooperate with the Church Building Loan Fund program.

ROSSER LEE CLAPP, *Chairman*,
W. W. RITTER,
PAUL WILSON,
MISS LOLA FARLOW.

LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Laymen's Fellowship of the Western North Carolina Conference has had a very successful year, with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm shown in our meetings.

We have held quarterly rallies during the year with Bailey's Grove, High Point, Albemarle and Pleasant Grove as hosts. Dr. W. W. Sloan and Dr. W. E. Wisseman were speakers at two of the rallies, a picture was shown at one, and the laymen of Pleasant Grove provided a play for our entertainment at the last meeting. "Ladies' Night" was held at High Point, and "Junior Laymen" were especially invited to the Pleasant Grove Rally, although they are welcome at all of our meetings.

"Moonelon," our new conference center, has been the main project of our laymne during the year. About one-half of the $2,000.00 quota has been paid, and we will continue to work on this during the coming year.

Many of our churches observed "Laymen's Sunday" on the third Sunday in October, with laymen participating in the worship service on that day.

One of our aims is to organize new laymen's groups in the churches which do not have them. These groups meet regularly as a local church organization and sponsor programs and projects of interest to their local groups. Our newest group to report is the Randleman's Laymen's Fellowship.

Our officers for this year are: President, Hubert L. Beane, Asheboro; Vice-President, Ardell Simmons, Albemarle; Secretary, Fred L. Tedder, Union Grove, and Treasurer, J. C. Newell, Pleasant Ridge.

Any of the officers will be glad to visit a group wishing help in organizing a Laymen's Fellowship in their church.

HUBERT L. BEANE, *President*.

MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH RELATIONS

The Church is much greater and far more powerful than many people realize. Too many think of it as a matter-of-fact, that it probably is a good thing, and that it is my privilege to take it or leave it. They do not realize that it is the "leaven" that influences the whole society of human relationship, and that it is the "light of the world" and the "salt of the earth."

According to statistics, there is now a greater percent of American people identified with the Church than ever has been, also greater and better church buildings than ever before. But all Christian people realize that the Church is not the spiritual force and power that it should be. What can be done about it, and who shall do it? The answer is, YOU and I can do the job through cooperation.

The Church is made up of ministers and laymen, and there is a vital relationship between the two groups.

1. The minister should take his work seriously. He should "study to show himself a workman approved unto God." He is the chosen leader of the church and should be planning and praying daily that God's will might be worked out in his life.

2. The church should see to it that his financial needs are taken care of by paying him a sufficient salary as promptly as they expect their own salaries.
3. The minister and church should plan together the program of the church and take it seriously, and strive to make every church in this Conference a soul-winning church.
4. When a minister is chosen, or called, to be pastor of a church, the pulpit is his while he is pastor, and he should be faithful to the trust, and very careful how it is used. He should consult the church before he invites an evangelist to hold his revival. The church pays the bill and should have a right to say who shall be invited.
5. The church should not invite any person to fill the pulpit on any occasion without the consent of the pastor.
6. No minister should accept an invitation to officiate at a wedding in another pastor's church without an invitation by the pastor, though he may be a former pastor and dearly loved by the families of those getting married; the fee then should go to the pastor.

GUY H. VEAZEY, *Chairman.*

MINISTRY

We, your committee on the Ministry, submit the following report:

Rev. Guy H. Veazey asks for a letter of transfer to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference. He is moving to Moonelon to assist in the development of that project, and will serve the Lakeview Church. It is recommended that the letter of transfer be granted.

Rev. Martin L. Fogleman, who has Local Conference standing, is now serving Pleasant Cross and Needham's Grove. It is recommended that his Conference ordination be continued for another year.

Licentiate Thomas W. Madren, who is now enrolled in Duke Divinity School, is serving Amelia and Plymouth churches. It is recommended that he be ordained as an elder at this session of Conference.

Rev. Lunnie W. Burgess served Antioch (C) church the past year. It is recommended that his Local Conference ordination be continued for another year.

Licentiate Avery Brown has served Bailey's Grove, Flint Hill and Sophia very acceptably for the past year. It is recommended that his license be continued for another year.

Rev. John T. Bowers served Smithwood, Bennett and Big Oak as pastor the past year. It is recommended that his Local Conference ordination be continued for another year.

Gale Brady, a member of the Biblical Class, is in the sophomore year at Elon College. It is recommended that he be continued in the Biblical Class until he has completed his sophomore work, and at that time he be licensed by this Conference at a time and place to be agreed upon by him and the president.

Douglas Harper, a member of the Albemarle Church, is in his freshman year at Elon College. It is recommended that he be continued in the Biblical Class for another year.

Curtis Medlin, a member of the Grace's Chapel church, is a student at Elon College. It is recommended that he be continued in the Biblical Class for another year.

Gene Thomas, a member of the Biblical Class, is in his senior year at Elon College. He is serving the church at Ramseur and has a letter from the church recommending his licensure. It is recommended that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

Rev. Raymond T. Grissom has moved to the Eastern Virginia Conference and will serve Holy Neck as pastor. He asks for a transfer of membership to that Conference. It is recommended that this transfer be granted.

S. E. MADREN, *Chairman,*
MAX VESTAL,
E. CARL BRADY,
R. L. CLAPP.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES
(Asheboro District)

Nineteen of the 38 churches of the Western North Carolina Conference have active missionary societies. Eighteen of these are in the Asheboro District. Hank's Chapel is in the Sanford District.

During the past year the Asheboro District has organized two new societies, Ether and Shady Grove. Rev. Rosser Lee Clapp and his wife did a splendid work in helping to get these new societies started.

The North Carolina Woman's Conference meets annually for inspiration, instruction, fellowship, and business. The conference met in October in Southern Pines at the Church of Wide Fellowship. Here our work was reviewed and new plans were made for the coming year.

Our Spring rally was held at the Ramseur Church and was greatly enjoyed by the large number present. Next spring we plan to meet with the Pleasant Hill women. Let's all make plans now to attend.

Much progress has been made in the past year, but we should all strive for higher goals and work for a missionary society in every church. The work of Missions should be close to our hearts, for Christ looks to us for dedicated hearts and hands to do his service.

MRS. BILL SIMMONS,
Superintendent.

MORAL REFORM

Christ has given to His Church the greatest commission given to any institution known to man. No committee, no preacher nor teacher can accomplish what needs to be done to bring about better standards of living in our land. It is only when we unite our efforts as one great body that this can be done.

Many people outside the church are watching our lives to see if we show by our lives whether we have that which the world cannot give. In view of the great job to do, and the high and noble life to live we recommend:

1. That we avoid foolish and unlearned questions that cause strife amongst brethren, and unite our efforts to most essential matters.
2. That we be not drunk with wine or strong drink, but be filled with the Spirit.
3. That each member be determined to use the Lord's Day for rest and worship.
4. That we hold before the world the sacredness of the marriage vows.
5. That the mode of dress should be that which becometh people professing godliness.

M. L. FOGLEMAN, *Chairman,*
AVERY BROWN,
JOHN BOWERS,
ALTON RICHARDSON.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

The Youth Fellowship of the Western North Carolina Conference began a new year with a very well attended rally at Grace's Chapel Church near Sanford. A large group of young people gathered there to begin and plan a new year.

Following an officers' meeting for program and planning purposes, we have had three other well-attended rallies this year, at Pleasant Ridge, Albemarle, and Randleman, on each regular Fifth Sunday rally day.

With these rallies we have tried to unite the Conference youth in fellowship and work. The programs have been planned so as to give helpful program and project suggestions to the youth of the local church.

The W. N. C. youth were represented by several churches at the convention-wide rally held in Burlington this summer. Here we strengthened the convention unity of the youth, sharing ideas with churches of other conferences.

We sent as our delegate to the National Council of Youth, Miss Sylvia Coggins of Grace's Chapel, and applied $50.00 from the treasury on her expenses.

The Conference received the resignation of President Thomas Madren and another person will be nominated to fill this vacancy at the next rally in October.

We hope that by these local and convention rallies we may be able to work more effectively with projects and programs in our own churches.

We would like to express our appreciation to the ministers and adult advisors for counsel and support in our youth activities.

Our hope is that we may increase our fellowship by helping to start Pilgrim Fellowship groups in the churches where there is no such group in existence and thus ever strengthen our own group.

THOMAS MADREN, *President.*

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

The committee on Religious Literature serves only in an advisory capacity, but represents one of the most important interests of the Conference. The reading habits of church members—what they read and the way each member applies the new ideas they get from the material read—are matters that should be called to our attention. Creative thinking is always conditioned upon systematic and insatiable reading. Knowing what others think stimulates a reader's own thinking, and helps one more wisely to evaluate the various truths and positions presented by writers.

This committee could recommend to every member of our churches that they take *The Christian Sun* (our own Convention paper) and, too, we could remind you that every Sunday school should use our own literature, but we do not think this should be necessary—though, if you are not doing this already, why not start the year off right and do both.

The Christian Sun has a new offer now, and this is something you should know about. If one-half of the families in your church will subscribe to *The Sun,* you can get it for $2.00 per year instead of the regular price of $3.00. Why not get your church to do this?

Each year we remind you to work out a system whereby you can have a certain time each day for Bible reading and prayer. We do not feel that our people are doing this like we have advised, so we again remind you that God speaks to his people through the reading of his Word and through prayer. We pray for guidance from God, but are not willing to read the Bible and receive his guidance. Let us again urge you to read daily the Book which is sufficient for guidance.

And, last, we have a new *Manual* which contains the rules and by-laws of the Convention. This should be read by every member of our churches, in order that we may know who we are, what we believe, and how to carry on the business of our churches. Why don't you ask your pastor to secure one for you?

We all know that we forget the things that we do not re-read and study. So choose the best literature and study hard in order that you may not forget to be at your best for the Master.

WINFRED BRAY, *Chairman,*
B. H. LOWDERMILK,
STACY HAYES.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We wish to submit for the consideration of this Conference the following resolutions:

1. That we express our deep gratitude, by rising vote, to the people of Grace's Chapel for every act of hospitality shown us during this session of Conference.
2. That our Conference express our heartfelt thanks to those who have had part in making this Conference the fine inspiration which it has been. Especial thanks are due the officers and Dr. Sidney M. Berry.
3. That we record with sorrow our deep feeling of loss in the death of Rev. T. J. Green.

4. That the secretary of Conference write Dr. G. O. Lankford, Rev. John Q. Pugh, and Rev. Park W. Fisher, who were absent because of physical disability.

E. CARL BRADY, *Chairman.*
G. H. VEAZEY,
R. L. CLAPP.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The growth of our Sunday schools in this Conference has been encouraging this year. Most all of our churches have reported gains in attendance, better organization, and a more cooperative spirit.

Perhaps some of this growth is a result of our training school in January. About a hundred teachers, superintendents, and interested persons attended the three night sessions of this school, meeting at Pleasant Ridge. Miss Ione Catton, one of our national workers, taught the class for teachers. Rev. Fred Register, of Wake Chapel church, led the superintendents in their classes.

Thirty Sunday school officers attended the Superintendents' Meeting at the Ramseur Town Hall, April 3, 1954. Dr. L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, was a guest at the meeting. Dean J. Earl Danieley, of Elon College, was the speaker of the evening.

Needham's Grove was the scene of the Convention's meeting on July 13 of this year. Twenty-seven churches were represented; three additional reports were received by the secretary. This is one of the largest percentages of churches reporting that we have on record. We hope that each of our churches in the Conference will report this year. Dr. W. E. Wisseman, of the First Church, Greensboro, delivered the keynote address, "The Place of the Sunday School in the Church."

The two awards which I, as president of the Convention, presented were won by Shady Grove and Providence Chapel. Each church received a copy of the book, "Christ and the Fine Arts," for their high attendance percentages throughout the year. Needham's Grove, the host church, won the attendance banner for the largest percentage of its members present at the Convention.

Since the Convention met in July, there has been a Sunday school reorganized at Center Grove, near Pittsboro. Your president has assisted them in their organization, with the cooperation of Rev. Walter Trotter, who is supply-pastor of the church.

While serving as your president, it has been my privilege to visit 18 of the Sunday schools of our Convention, traveling 519 miles.

Officers elected for the year 1954-55 are as follows: Theodore Cox, president; W. H. Hughes, Jr., vice president; Mrs. Winfred Bray, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. J. C. Newell, assistant secretary-treasurer.

THEODORE COX, *President.*

STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENTS

We commend our Southern Convention for the forward step it has taken in electing a Stewardship and Evangelism Secretary. With this new worker in the field, we believe the efficiency of our church program will be greatly increased and its outreach in Christian service will become more effective. We urge our churches to cooperate with and use this secretary in the promotion of stewardship and evangelism in the local churches.

We suggest that our churches take an inventory of their resources and income to see if we are satisfied with the stewardship we are rendering unto our Lord. We believe that our ministers and members should promote and encourage tithing in our churches.

We recommend:

1. That our churches accept the apportionment requested from us by the Southern Convention and voted by our delegates at the last session of the Convention. We are herewith attaching a schedule of amounts suggested for each church of the Conference,
2. That each church pay 20 cents per member for ministerial insurance. This should be paid to the Conference treasurer before the end of this calendar year.

3. We commend our churches that have signed the Declaration of Purpose to cooperate in the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.
4. Our Bailey's Grove Church is planning a new building in the near future. We commend this small congregation for this forward step. A new building is needed in this rapidly growing community. We recommend that the churches of the Conference make a special offering sometime during the year to help with this new building. Money should be sent to the Conference treasurer, designated for Bailey's Grove building program.

CYRUS SHOFFNER, *Chairman*,
HUBERT L. BEANE,
ELI H. COLE.

NOTE: See Statistical Tables in back of Annual for Conference Apportionments.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, November 5, 1953 ..... $ 428.11

Receipts

	Pastor's Insurance	*Conference Fund*	
Albemarle	$ 55.00	$ 65.00	
Antioch (C)	25.80	20.00	
Antioch (R)	.....	.....	
Asheboro	50.00	$ 100.00	
Bailey's Brove	5.50	25.00	
Bennett	4.00	.....	
Big Oak	.....	35.00	
Biscoe	.....	.....	
Brown's Chapel	40.00	30.00	
Center Grove	.....	.....	
Ether	15.40	40.00	
Flint Hill (M)	.....	.....	
Flint Hill (R)	8.00	20.00	
Grace's Chapel	.....	.....	
Hank's Chapel	49.00	60.00	
High Point	16.00	40.00	
Liberty	15.00	40.00	
Mt. Pleasant	17.00	15.00	
Needham's Grove	17.20	65.00	
New Center	.....	35.00	
Parks Cross Roads	.....	.....	
Patterson's Grove	.....	.....	
Pleasant Cross	25.60	35.00	
Pleasant Grove	52.40	55.00	
Pleasant Hill	.....	90.00	
Pleasant Ridge	37.00	80.00	
Pleasant Union	9.00	40.00	
Providence Chapel	4.40	.....	
Ramseur	24.00	50.00	
Randleman	13.00	.....	
Seagrove	18.60	50.00	
Shady Grove	.....	.....	
Shiloh	19.40	.....	
Smithwood	22.60	45.00	
Sophia	13.80	45.00	
Spoon's Chapel	7.60	20.00	
Union Grove	21.20	50.00	
Zion	32.20	.....	
	$ 618.70	$1,150.00	1,768.70

Total Receipts and Balance **$2,196.81**

Disbursements

Mr. George D. Colclough, 1952 Minutes and Annuals	$ 162.20	
Dr. F. C. Lester, Secretary, salary and postage	40.00	
North Carolina Council of Churches	100.00	
Southern Convention Office, pastors' insurance	906.96	
Mr. George D. Colclough, special issue *The Christian Sun*	30.00	
Dr. Henry Robinson, Conference speaker, travel	10 00	
Dr. W. E. Wisseman, Conference speaker, travel	10.00	
Southern Convention Office, 1953 Minutes and Annuals	212.00	
Asheboro Printing Co., Conference programs	3.50	
Rev. Max Vestal, expense to General Council Meeting	30.00	
Rev. M. A. Pollard, expense to General Council Meeting	30.00	
Mrs. I. L. McDowell, expense to General Council Meeting	30.00	
Mr. Hubert Beane, expense to General Council Meeting	30.00	
Dr. Sidney M. Berry, Conference Speaker	15.00	
		$1,609.66
Balance on Hand, November 26, 1954		$ 587.15

I. L. McDowell, *Treasurer.*

Proeecdings of the One Hundred Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

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First Congregational Christian Church
Greensboro, N. C., Tuesday, November 16, 1954

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TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION

The one hundred twenty-ninth annual session of the North Carolina nd Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches met with ne First Congregational Christian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, n Tuesday, November 16, 1954.

The Conference was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by President M. W. ndes. W. E. Wisseman, pastor of the host church, welcomed the Conerence. D. W. Shepherd, Virgilina, Virginia, led the opening worship ervice.

The roll of ministers and churches was called, and a quorum was found resent. The complete enrollment for the session included twenty-four rdained ministers and one hundred seventeen delegates, representing fortyour of the fifty-one churches of the Conference. This enrollment was as ollows:

Enrollment

rdained Ministers—C. F. Allred, M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, Beverly Cosby, G. C. Crutchfield, W. W. Hall, S. C. Harrell, T. G. Humphries, D. O. Jackson, Carl R. Key, J. R. Lackey, B. A. Leebrick, W. T. Madren, R. M. Petersen, K. D. Register, F. E. Reynolds, H. E. Robinson, D. W. Shepherd, W. W. Sloan, W. W. Snyder, Irving Stubbs, T. D. Sutton, M. V. Welch, W. E. Wisseman.

ocal Conference Ordination—J. H. Loman, J. L. Stanley.

icentiates—Herman Johnson, W. T. Waller, Jr.

iblical Class—G. B. Bennett, Clifton Walker, Rowland Shepherd.

Churches and Delegates

pple's Chapel—Mrs. Vester Ingold, Robert O. Pritchard, R. M. Murrell, Mrs. John F. Brown.

sheville—Represented by letter.

elew Creek—J. H. Self, H. S. Ashburn.

erea—Mrs. L. D. Ross, Mrs. W. S. Franks.

ethel—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. King.

ethlehem—Donald Shepherd, G. E. Brown, Mrs. G. C. Crutchfield, Mrs. Roy Kernodle.

Burlington—
Beverly Hills—Mrs. W. W. Snyder, Mrs. Edgar King, Mrs. John W. Long.
First—Edith I. Walker, Ida Simpson, Mrs. H. E. Robinson, Mrs. A. P. Cole.
Lake View—Mrs. Henry Snipes, Mrs. Kelly Wilson.
Carolina—Mrs. Elsie Councilman, Mrs. Ealer Murray.
Concord—Mrs. Allen Tate, A. Y. Allred.
Danville—Mrs. Fred Holley, Mrs. Charles Case.
Durham—Mrs. C. E. Young, J. L. Crumpton, Mrs. W. G. Austin, J. A. Riggsbee.
Elk Spur—Represented by letter.
Elon College—Mrs. W. T. Scott, Mrs. T. E. Gilliam, J. B. Long, D. M. McLelland.
Gibsonville—John R. Shepherd, G. W. Farrell.
Graham, Providence Memorial—Represented by letter.
Greensboro—
Calvary—Mrs. Minerva Parks, Mrs. J. J. Mathews.
First—A. G. Burton, M. T. Garren, Effie Lowe, Mrs. H. G. Ballinger, Mrs. J. E. Murray.
Palm Street—Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. P. R. Hall, Mrs. A. H. Hinshaw.
Happy Home—G. D. Ellington, Mrs. Paul Powell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hill.
Haw River—Mrs. Charles Koch, Mrs. J. C. Wilkins, Mrs. Frank Bain.
Hebron—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williamson.
Hendersonville, First—Represented by letter.
Hines Chapel—Mrs. Maggie Forbes, O. W. Hines, J. W. Barker, Mrs. Lucile Calhoun.
Hopedale—Mrs. Nathan D. Garrison, Mrs. R. E. Faulkner, Mrs. Otis Carey.
Howard's Chapel—Mrs. Ruby Jones.
Ingram—G. I. Satterfield.
Kallam Grove—Mr. and Mrs.F. B. Faulks, Mrs. Minnie Humphrey.
Lebanon—Maynard Wells, Mrs. W. F. Hudson, Jr.
Liberty—R. W. Fisher, C. S. Wilkins.
Long's Chapel—Sam S. Anderson, Mrs. Sam Anderson, Mrs. H. L. Foster.
Lynchburg, Church of the Covenant—Represented by letter.
Mebane—Lillie D. Fowler, Della W. Fowler.
Monticello—Russell McKinney, Mrs. Hubert A. Trost, Mrs. Harry Green.
Mt. Bethel—Mrs. Lewis Tysor, Mrs. Della Baker.
Mt. Zion—Mrs. A. P. George, Mrs. John Holt, Mrs. Hattie Lynch.
New Lebanon—Miss Owilda Moore, Mrs. John L. Griffin.
Pfafftown—Mrs. Lee Grubbs, Mrs. J. C. Higgins.
Pleasant Grove—Kathryn Satterfield, E. E. Satterfield.
Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. W. J. McFarland, H. B. Nelson.
Reidsville, First—Mrs. W. E. Briggs, J. B. Underwood, Mrs. Ed. Chilton, Mrs. D. E. Mitchell.
Rocky Ford—Represented by letter.

Salem Chapel—Mrs. John C. Crews, Mrs. Frankye M. Rayburn.
Shallow Ford—Mrs. J. J. Iseley, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Truitt.
South Boston, Center—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Martin.
Tryon, Cong'l Church of Christ—Represented by letter.
Union (N. C.)—Mr. and Mrs. Clay Page, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Walker.
Union (Va.)—S. Reams Long, G. W. Pollard, Mrs. C. B. Wilkins.
Winston-Salem, United—Mrs. J. E. Brown, W. L. Padgett.
Zion—J. L. Hall, B. M. Lashley.

H. E. Robinson presented the printed program as the report of the Program Committee. It was moved and carried that the printed program be adopted as the order of this session subject to such changes as Confeence may find necessary to make.

The report of the Executive Committee (Exhibit 1) was presented and adopted.

W. T. Scott, superintendent of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, introduced the following visitors and new pastors: W. W. Hall, G. H. Veazey, W. M. Loy, D. W. Shepherd, William Richards, J. T. Akin, J. G. Truitt, S. E. Madren, L. E. Smith, J. H. Dollar, Fred Register, John Littiken, F. C. Lester, H. L. Fesperman, M. R. Kurtz, Kerison Juniper, Irving Stubbs, Beverly Cosby. On motion it was voted that they be seated as deliberative members of the Conference for this session.

The report of the Treasurer (Exhibit 2) was presented, received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The president appointed the following committees:

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. W. W. Snyder, Reams Long, John Robert Walker.
Licensure Committee—S. C. Harrell, D. O. Jackson, W. T. Madren.
Finance Committee—Same as Committee on Stewardship and Apportionment.

The report of the Committee on the Ministry (Exhibit 3) was presented and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Apportionment was presented. Pending the adoption of the report, H. E. Robinson told of the value of the recently held Stewardship Institute to the Burlington First Church. The report of the Committee an Stewardship and Apportionment was then adopted. (See Exhibit 4.)

Dr. Sydney M. Berry, secretary of the International Congregational Council, London, England, addressed the Conference, bringing greetings of the Council and of the Congregational Churches around the world.

The Conference recessed for a meeting of the Conference Missionary Association.

Conference in session again.

Fred P. Register pronounced the benediction and the blessing of the meal that was to follow.

TUESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Conference reconvened at 2:00 p. m., with the singing of a hymn. The opening prayer was led by C. F. Allred.

Jesse H. Dollar, president of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, addressed the Conference on "Our Centennial Program of Advance." He presented the program as outlined by the Committee on Centennial Observance of the Southern Convention. The Conference approved and adopted this plan as the basis of work for the next two years.

The report of the Committee on Missions was presented (Exhibit 5). The report was accepted and made part of the Conference record.

L. E. Smith, president of Elon College, gave a report of the work of Elon College. (Exhibit 6.)

This report was received and the resolution was adopted. W. J. Andes spoke of his impressions as a newcomer to the Elon College Church and its work at Elon College.

J. G. Truitt, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, presented a report on the orphanage. (Exhibit 7.) The report was received to record and the needs of the Christian Orphanage were presented by W. E. Wisseman.

W. E. Wisseman presented H. L. Fesperman, minister of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Greensboro, and asked that he be seated as a deliberative member of the Conference. Mr. Fesperman was so enrolled.

The report of the North Carolina Woman's Fellowship was presented, and was received to record. (See Exhibit 8.)

The report of the Committee on Evangelism (Exhibit 9) was presented and on motion adopted.

The report of the Committee on Christian Education (Exhibit 10) was presented and on motion adopted.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs (Exhibit 11) was presented. On motion it was adopted, and J. G. Truitt led the prayer of remembrance and dedication while Conference stood in memory of Mr. Walter R. Sellars.

The report of the Committee on Social Action (Exhibit 12) was presented, and on motion was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions (Exhibit 13) was presented and adopted by a standing vote.

The report of the Committee on Time and Place was presented and adopted. (Exhibit 14.)

On motion, it was voted to deed the Piney Plains Christian Church property to the Eastern North Carolina Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, and the Executive Committee was instructed to see that this was done. (The Executive Committee signed the necessary papers that day.)

On motion, it was voted to send a memorandum to the Eastern North Carolina Conference reminding them of their vote a few years ago to transfer the property of the Mebane Church to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

Morton R. Kurtz presented the program of the North Carolina Council of Churches. C. R. Key presented the program of CROP.

The Committee on Nominations presented its report (Exhibit 15).

It was moved and carried that the report of the Committee on Nominations be adopted and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the nominees. The secretary cast the ballot as directed, and the president declared the officers elcted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was presented and adopted. (See Exhibit 16.)

The report of the North Carolina and Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship was presented, and was received to record (Exhibit 17).

It was moved and carried that the Conference have its official minutes printed in THE ANNUAL; and that the Conference purchase two hundred copies of THE ANNUAL for pro-rata distribution among the churches.

The Committee on the Bequest of Miss M. Joanna Jones reported (Exhibit 18). The report of the committee was adopted.

By motion, the president and the secretary were authorized to complete the minutes of this Conference.

By motion, the Conference would stand adjourned, following the evening service, to meet at the First Congregational Christian Church, Burlington, N. C., on a date arranged by the Evecutive Committee.

J. R. Lackey pronounced the benediction.

DINNER HOUR PROGRAM

6:00 P. M.

W. E. Wisseman presided. J. G. Truitt gave the prayer of thanksgiving for the meal. After the meal, the following program was presented:

The report of the Laymen's Fellowship was presented and received to record. (See Exhibit 19.)

W. T. Scott offered Resolutions Concerning S. C. Harrell, which were unanimously approved and received to record. (See Exhibit 20.)

S. C. Harrell, newly elected editor of *The Christian Sun,* presented *The Christian Sun* as he hoped it would be in the days ahead.

Beverly Cosby spoke on "The Lynchburg Christian Fellowship" and Irving Stubbs spoke on "The Church of the Covenant" in Lynchburg, Va.

M. W. Andes described the recent organization and growth of the Center Church, South Boston, Va.

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION
8:00 P. M.

W. W. Hall conducted the opening worship service.

D. O. Jackson presented John Littiken and James Clifton Walker for licensure to preach. S. C. Harrell conducted the licensing service, and D. O. Jackson led the prayer.

Dr. Sydney M. Berry gave his closing address on "Our Congregational Churches Across the World."

Benediction was pronounced by Irving Stubbs.

The 1954 Conference was adjourned .

M. W. ANDES, *President.*
W. J. ANDES, *Secretary.*

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive—M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes, H. E. Robinson, M. T. Garren.

Program—H. E. Robinson, M. W. Andes, W. J. Andes.

Evangelism—W. W. Hall, M. V. Welch, Harold Loman, B. A. Leebrick, H. E. Robinson, Algie Blalock.

Ministry—S. C. Harrell, F. E. Reynolds, G. C. Crutchfield, H. S. Smith, D. W. Shepherd.

Laymen—T. A. Vincent.

Women—Mrs. M. W. Andes.

Pilgrim Fellowship—Dorothy Mauldin.

Social Action—W. E. Wisseman, W. T. Waller, Jr., C. F. Allred, Mrs. N. Carl Monroe.

Stewardship and Apportionment—W. W. Snyder, Mrs. J. C. Wilkins, J. E. Cumbie, J. R. Walker, W. T. Madren.

Memoirs—J. W. Barney, N. F. Brannock, Joe K. Landrum.

Christian Education—J. R. Lackey, Earl Danieley, W. T. Scott, Jr. Mrs. Vance Pegram, Mrs. Eugenia Wilson.

Missions—K. D. Register, Mrs. W. W. Sloan, R. M. Petersen, Mrs. T. G. Humphries, Mrs. W. E. Briggs, D. O. Jackson.

Nominations—Mrs. Russell Powell, Mrs. Robert E. Harden, T. D. Sutton.

Public Relations—Mrs. H. E. Robinson.

Resolutions—Mrs. D. W. Shepherd, Mrs. J. L. Faulkner, Marion Faust, Mrs. W. W. Hall.

REPORTS RECEIVED BY CONFERENCE

EXHIBIT 1

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your Executive Committee, upon approval of the Committee on the Ministry, voted:

1. The enrolling of George M. Phillips and Rowland Shepherd in the Biblical Class of the Conference.
2. The transfer of Ministerial standing of:
   Earl D. Weed to the Nebraska Conference;
   C. O. Koon to the Eastern Virginia Conference;
   Robert T. Woodruff, Jr., to the Florida Conference;
   H. P. Bozarth to the Yankton Association, South Dakota;
   Sammy D. Nelson to the Eastern Virginia Conference.
3. To receive the following ministers by transfer of Ministerial standing:
   Irving Stubbs from the New York City Congregational Church Association;
   Beverly R. Cosby from the New York City Congregational Church Association;
   David W. Shepherd from the Congregational Christian Conference of Georgia;
   W. Walter Hall from the Woburn Association, Mass.

Your Executive Committee sold the New Hope Church property for $50 to C. H. Middleton, Stokesdale, N. C. and the money was used to buy new chairs for the Center Church in South Boston.

Two new churches were organized and formally received into the Conference: Center Church at South Boston, Va., on February 2, 1954, with the Recognition Service being held on March 21, 1954; Church of the Covenant, Lynchburg, Va., on September 13, 1954, with the Recognition Service being held on October 3, 1954.

The application of the Center Church is as follows:

To the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, as we trust members of the Body of Christ, having exercised repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21), being desirous of associating ourselves together as the Congregational Christian Church, South Boston, Virginia, agree to be governed by the following Principles:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.
2. Christian is a sufficient name for the followers of Christ.
3. The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character is a sufficient test of fellowship and of Church Membership.
5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and privilege that should be accorded to, and exercised by all.
6. The union of all the followers of Christ, to the end that the world may believe.

We subscribe to the Cardinal Principles and Government of the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, and being desirous of associating ourselves in Christ with the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of the Southern Convention, we agree to submit ourselves to the Brethren in the Lord, and to be governed by the Principles and Government of the Congregational Christian Churches of the Southern Convention.

We hereby associate ourselves as Charter Members of the Congregational Christian Church, South Boston, Virginia; we invite other persons to join us

in this Christian enterprise either by Confession of Faith in Jesus Christ, Reaffirmation of Faith, or by Letter of Transfer from some other evangelical Church; and we hereby request membership in the North Carolina and Virginia Conference.

Done this the Seventeenth Day of January, in the year of our Lord Nine teen Hundred and Fifty-Four, County of Halifax, State of Virginia.

THOMAS S. EARP, *Acting Secretary.*
on behalf of the charter members in South Boston, Va.

The application of the Church of the Covenant is as follows:

Dr. William T. Scott, Superintendent,
The Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.
Box 247,
Elon College, N. C.
Dear Dr. Scott:

The undersigned persons do hereby express our intention under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to covenant ourselves together as a church under the Lordship of Jesus for the worship of God, the service of man, and for mutual assistance in our Christian life. We do agree to become charter members in the Church of the Covenant, Lynchburg, Va., and do hereby apply to the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., and to the North Carolina and Virginia Conference for membership in both bodies:

BEVERLY R. COSBY,
JACK T. COSBY,
JAMES P. OULD, JR.,
MARY F. OULD,
ANN H. STUBBS,
IRVING R. STUBBS.

Your Executive Committee, on recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry, voted to revoke and cancel the ministerial license of Fred H. Wrenn and his name was dropped from the Conference Roll.

It was voted to approve the recommendation of the Committee on the Ministry that on each Certificate of Licensure the Conference secretary should write: "This license is for one year only."

Rev. G. C. Crutchfield was appointed to the Committee on the Ministry, succeeding Rev. H. P. Bozarth who had resigned.

We, your Committee. feel that the time has come for a redistricting of churches in North Carolina into Conferences. Smaller associations of churches might be helpful. It is recommended that our Conference hold a series of area meetings in the spring of 1955, seeking to evolve a better grouping of churches and cooperating in the forward movement of the Centennial observance of the Southern Convention.

To date we have nothing new to report on the bequest of Miss M. Joanna Jones of Graham, N. C.

Your Committee voted to arrange a one day session for this Conference meeting. We note that the other N. C. Conferences are meeting for a one day session this fall and we would recommend the one day session for our Conference in November, 1955, to be held the same week as the other N. C. Conferences.

Delegates and alternates were electd to the Southern Convention of Congregational Christian Churches held in May, 1954 at Bethlehem Church, Suffolk, Va.

Nominations for delegates to the General Council at New Haven, Conn., June, 1954, were sent to the Executive Committee of the Southern Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. ANDES,
W. J. ANDES,
H. E. ROBINSON,
M. T. GARREN.

EXHIBIT 2

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance, last report, October 31, 1953			$ 478.53
	Receipts		
11/ 9/53	Shallow Ford	$ 51.00	
	Apple's Chapel	84.00	
	New Lebanon	50.00	
	Lebanon (misplaced check)	32.00	
	Mebane	11.00	
	Zion	7.00	
11/13/53	Conference Offering	70.79	
12/ 8/53	Pleasant Ridge	23.00	
	Union, Virginia	79.00	
	Greensboro, First	118.00	
12/10/53	Ingram	53.00	
	Apple's Chapel	84.00	
	Elk Spur	17.00	
	Burlington, First	197.00	
	Asheville	21.00	
	Union, N. C.	80.00	
	Reidsville	118.00	
	Gibsonville	54.00	
12/11/53	Zion	7.00	
	Burlington, Beverly Hills	10.00	
	Mt. Zion	37.00	
	Winston-Salem	35.00	
12/15/53	Greensboro, Palm Street	40.00	
	Durham	131.00	
	Hendersonville	8.00	
	Pleasant Grove	51.00	
	Pfafftown	16.00	
	Tryon	52.00	
	Happy Home	63.00	
12/31/53	Haw River	38.00	
	Kallam Grove	23.00	
	Hopedale	26.00	
	Hines Chapel	34.00	
	Berea	29.00	
	Burlington, Lakeview	8.00	
	New Lebanon	50.00	
1/ 8/54	Elk Spur	25.00	
	Belew Creek	27.00	
3/ 1/54	Elon Community Church	97.00	
3/17/54	Hebron	25.00	
	Mebane	21.00	
4/24/54	Lebanon	32.00	
5/ 7/54	Bethel	30.00	
5/25/54	Monticello	27.00	
7/16/54	Liberty, Virginia	42.00	
	New Hope—Sale of lot	50.00	
10/20/54	Belew Creek	27.00	
	Graham-Providence Memorial	24.00	
	Howard's Chapel	8.00	
10/29/54	Carolina	23.00	
			2,265.74
	Total Receipts and Balance		$2,744.32

Disbursements

11/20/53	Wm. J. Andes, Services	$ 75.00	
	W. J. Fansler, Secretarial Work	18.50	
	N. C. Council of Churches, Support	300.00	
	Virginia Council of Churches, Support	50.00	
11/24/53	W. W. Snyder, Expenses	23.61	
12/14/53	Southern Convention, Half Pastors' Insurance	634.48	
3/ 1/54	Conference Missionary Association, Support	300.00	
	Wm. J. Andes, Expenses	5.00	
3/18/54	Southern Convention, Printing of ANNUAL	194.00	
3/25/54	Wm. J. Andes, Travel and Postage	19.05	
6/ 2/54	Southern Convention, Half Pastors' Insurance	687.22	
7/16/54	Southern Convention, Overpayment, Elk Spur	8.00	
8/26/54	W. W. Snyder, Postage	3.53	
	Southern Convention, Chairs for South Boston	50.00	
10/20/54	M. W. Andes, Postage and Travel Expense	25.00	
	Service Charge—Four non par Bank Items	.60	
			2,393.99
	Bank Balance, October 31, 1954		$ 350.33

Accounts Payable

A. D. Pate Co., Printing Programs	$ 19.50	
Cammack Office Supply, Paper and Stencils	10.85	
		30.35
Net Operating Balance		$ 319.98

R. V. POWELL, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 3

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY

The securing of pastors for the churches of the Southern Convention is still one of the crucial issues to be faced. There are not enough of our able young men dedicating their lives to service as ministers. We recommended that this Conference memorialize the Convention Committee on the Ministry to plan and initiate a campaign of Enlistment which will carry the challenge of the Christian ministry to the young men of all our churches.

We recommend that Rev. Walter Hall, pastor of Third Avenue Christian Church, Danville, Virginia, be received and enrolled as a member of the Conference, coming by transfer from Woburn Association, Mass.

The Reverend David W. Shepherd has accepted the pastorate of the Union and Hebron Churches, Halifax County, Virginia. The Congregational Christian Conference of Georgia has granted him a letter of transfer to this Conference. We recommend that he be received and so enrolled.

The Reverend Howard P. Bozarth requests a letter of transfer to the Yankton Association of Congregational Churches of South Dakota. We recommend that the transfer be granted.

Garland B. Bennett, who was enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class at the last session of Conference, continues his studies at Elon College. We recommend that he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

J. Robert Bennett applies for membership in the Biblical Class. He is a special student at Elon College, and is recommended by the Palm Street Church of which he is a member, as a suitable candidate for the ministry. We recommend that he be enrolled in the Biblical Class.

John Littiken, a member of the Biblical Class from the Eastern N. C. Conference, has been granted a letter of transfer to this Conference. He is now pastor of Hines Chapel and Monticello Churches, which recommended him for licensure. He meets the requirements for licensure and passed a satisfactory examination. We recommend that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

Fred Harold Wrenn, who was licensed at the last session of Conference, appeared before the committee, returned his license, and requested that his license be cancelled. We recommend that his license be cancelled.

George M. Phillips, a member of the Hopedale Church and a student at Elon College, is recommended by his church as a suitable candidate for the ministry. We recommend that he be enrolled as a member of the Biblical Class.

The Reverend Beverly Cosby and the Reverend Irving Stubbs, co-ministers of the Church of the Covenant, Lynchburg, Virginia, and members of the New York Association of Congregational Christian Churches, presented letters of transfer from the N. Y. Association to this Conference. We recommend that they be received and enrolled as ministers of this Conference.

Clifton Walker, a member of the Biblical Class, is now a Junior in Trinity College, Duke University. He appeared before your committee and requested licensure. The Durham Church of which he is a member recommends him as a suitable candidate for the ministry. After due examination we recommend that he be licensed at this session of Conference.

Licentiate Timothy S. Chang continues his graduate study at the University of Ohio. We recommend that he be continued as a licentiate.

Licentiate Warren A. Matthews is a student at Hartford Seminary. We recommend that he be continued as a licentiate.

Curtis Young, a member of the Biblical Class, is a student at Elon College. We recommend that he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

C. C. Mulholland III, a member of the Biblical Class, is a student at Trinity College, Duke University. We recommend that he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

We recommend that Rev. I. T. Underwood be continued as a licentiate.

We recommend that Rev. W. T. Waller, Jr., be continued as a licentiate.

We recommend that Rev. Herman L. Johnson be continued as a licentiate.

Mr. Howland Shepherd of the Gibsonville Church was received as a member of the Biblical Class after the last session of Conference. We recommend he be continued as a member of the Biblical Class.

We recommend that the Conference Ordination of Rev. J. Lester Stanley and Rev. Harold Loman be continued.

Sammy D. Nelson who was recommended for licensure at the last session of Conference, but was unable to be present at the last session, has requested a transfer of his standing as a member of the Biblical Class to the Eastern Virginia Conference. We recommend that the transfer be granted.

Rev. Wm. T. Scott, Jr., has accepted the pastorate of the Durham Church. The Litchfield North Connecticut Association has granted a transfer of his ministerial standing to this Conference. We recommend that he be received and enrolled as an elder of this Conference.

Rev. Guy H. Veazey has accepted the pastorate of the Lakeview Church and is moving to Elon. He has requested a transfer from the Western N. C. Conference to this Conference. We recommend that upon the receipt of his transfer he be received as a member of this Conference.

We recommend that when unordained students are serving as pastors of churches, the Convention Superintendent, and the chairman of the Committee on the Ministry be authorized to arrange for a nearby ordained pastor to serve as advisor to the church and the student pastor; that the student pastor make a report to his advisor each month and confer with him when student pastor or advisor deems it necessary; and that the church report to the advisor quarterly as to how the pastoral arrangement is working.

Respectfully submitted,

STANLEY C. HARRELL,
W. E. WISSEMAN,
SHELTON SMITH,
FERRIS E. REYNOLDS,
G. C. CRUTCHFIELD,
Committee.

EXHIBIT 4

STEWARDSHIP AND APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee on Stewardship and Apportionment recommends the following:

1. That we give our full support to Rev. Fred P. Register, our newly elected Secretary of Stewardship and Evangelism. We would urge all our pastors to begin now to plan for Stewardship Institutes and Canvasses in their churches this coming conference year.

2. That we accept the Suggested Apportionment Table for this Conference year 1954-55, with the necessary adjustments being left in the hands of the Committee and of the Executive Committee.

3. That every church have an Every-Member Canvass and a budget.

4. That we urge our churches to pay their apportionments to the Convention office monthly or quarterly.

5. That our pastors make the effort to educate their people to the real meaning of Stewardship. Stewardship is not a matter of finances alone, but rather a way of life for all individuals. Seen in its proper light, stewardship touches every phase of one's life.

Respectfully submitted,

WALSTEIN W. SNYDER,
R. V. POWELL,
J. E. CUMBIE,
JOHN R. WALKER,
W. T. MADREN.

NOTE: See Statistical Table in back of Annual.

EXHIBIT 5

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We rejoice with the pastor and people of our new church at South Boston, Va. This church, Center Congregational Christian, was organized just this past Conference year and since that time these people have purchased a lovely building site and erected the first unit of their Building Program. This beautiful new building is now in use.

Beverly Hills Church in Burlington is still growing by leaps and bounds. These people are well on their way toward completing the first permanent unit of their building program. Lakeview and Zion churches of near Burlington are doing a real service in their respective communities. We should give to these churches our encouragement at every opportunity. By following the progress of these churches and sharing in their experiences maybe we of the "older churches" may catch their spirit of faith and enthusiasm. By supporting the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign in our local churches we not only help these churches of our own Conference, but other churches all over the nation as well. Encourage your church to put its quota toward this Fund. We experience the abundant life only as we help to give new life to others. Our present churches must give birth to new churches or our cause is lost.

We usually think of the term "missions" as meaning home and foreign missions. However, are we not now approaching the day when we should look at the task of the church as a mission and not missions? The average layman today is so confused and disheartened at the useless overlapping of our effort under different names and different heads that he doesn't know whether he is coming or going. We can no longer think in terms of home and foreign missions. For in the world of Christian fellowship there are no foreigners. The meeting of the World Council of Churches last August at Evanston, Ill., is proof enough that geographical boundries no longer make us different people. We may still have differences as to tradition, custom and even ecclesiastical procedure, but the bond of Christian fellowship is one and the same all over the world.

The Christian Church is a mission. We speak of home and foreign missions, evangelism, social action, stewardship as if they were segregated issues within them-

selves. That is not true. Our mission is one! Andrew Vance McCraken in an article entitled "Mission—Not Missions," in the November first issue of *Advance* made this statement: "I am thoroughly convinced that if and when we, as a Congregational Christian fellowship, begin to think of ourselves—clearly and with determination—as being involved each and all in a simple mission, in a dynamic encounter with the world as a whole, in a witnessing ministry to the totality of mankind, our secondary interests and concerns will take care of themselves in due order."

Now such a change in philosophy or practice cannot be brought about over night. But our churches need to be looking in this direction if we are to meet the world-wide demands now being made upon us. Ours is a Christian mission including every phase and precept of Christ's teachings. God is marching on but we cannot follow Him divided and confused. Let us confront the world with a single united endeavor, with a spiritual challenge based on the everlasting promise of God revealed to us through the good news of Jesus Christ!

M. T. SORRELL,
MRS. R. W. ISLEY,
D. O. JACKSON,
MRS. W. E. BRIGGS,
MRS. M. T. GARREN,
T. G. HUMPHRIES,
KENNETH D. REIGSTER,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT 6
ELON COLLEGE REPORTS

There are certain items of interest at the College that I am sure our church, the alumni, and friends will find of interest.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.—This association as you know, is the accrediting agency for the colleges and secondary schools located in the southeast. Elon College, on account of a series of unfortunate situations, lost its membership in the association in November, 1931. By presistent and determined efforts, supported at all times by the church in the Southern Convention, the College regained its membership in the Association in November, 1944. This, of course, meant that the College had improved preceptibly along all lines and that the debts so long standing had been settled and now the institution is ready to move forward.

All member colleges are required to report annually to the association. All members must make a fuller report every three years. The individual institution is scrutinized more carefully in these triennial reports. Every ten years, the association sends a special committee to the college campus to make a thorough investigation of the entire campus—buildings, grounds, faculty, students, library, equipment, business, records, and all transactions of the entire institution. This inspection is to determine if and how the College is meeting all the twenty-one standards that are expected to be met.

The Assocation made this inspection of Elon College on October 11-13, 1954. The report that goes to the association at its annual meeting states that Elon College is meeting all standards satisfactorily. The following is a brief summary attached to the report by the committee:

"The Committee is deeply appreciative of the many courtesies extended by the president of the institution and his colleagues. The administration, faculty, and students showed a spirit of cordial cooperation.

"The high degree of excellence which marked the preparation of the preliminary reports provided the committee greatly facilitated the progress of the study.

"Every assistance was given the committee. There was at all times free and frank discussion and the committee was impressed with the fact that the administration, the faculty, and the students were alert to opportunities looking toward the further development of the Institution.

"It is the judgment of the committee that the personnel, policies and practices of this institution are progressive and dedicated to the further strengthening of the institution.

"The Committee believes that (except as noted) the standards are being well met, and is confident that the institution will continue to make every effort toward continued growth and development."

You will note that this is not a hearsay, a supposition, or opinions, but facts put down in black and white by a committee whose business it is to investigate, determine the facts and report to the accrediting association.

Proposed Loan—$675,000.00.—This Loan was authorized by the Board of Trustees of Elon College and approved by the Southern Convention in biennial session, May, 1954. The College Administration was successful in getting the application approved by the Housing and Home Finance Agency and the money set aside pending final approval of the application in detail. Just as soon as certain legal technicalities are completed and the architect's plans and specifications are ready for bids, the money will be available in such amounts as may be required by building operations. This means a long step in the right direction for our College.

The Two and One Half Million Dollar Campaign Fund.—In 1946, on recommendation of the Board of Trustees of Elon College, the Southern Convention of Conwas again increased to $2,500,000 to be raised for the College. This money is to be raised for Elon College over a period of ten years. Later the amount to be secured was increased to $2,000,000. At the Durham session of the Convention, the amount was again increased to $2,500,000 to be raised for the College. This money is to be used in the erection of new buildings, securing of new equipment for loan funds to students and to add to the present endowment funds of the College.

By campaigns, personal solicitation and the strictest economy at the College, $1,325,000 has been secured in cash and pledges. More than $1,000,000 of this amount has been paid in cash, leaving a balance of $1,175,000 to be secured. This is the task and responsibility facing the College, the church, alumni, and friends. The responsibility definitely concerns the conferences of the Southern Convention in annual session this year.

The plan has been suggested that the churches in Virginia, the Eastern Virginia Conference and the Valley of Virginia Conference, take the girls' dormitory, Virginia Hall, as their project and undertake to raise the necessary funds for the erection of the same and that the churches in the Carolina conferences, take the dormitory for boys, Carolina Hall, as their project and undertake to raise the necessary funds to pay for the same.

The ministers of the Convention were asked to meet at Henderson, North Carolina, on January 5, 1954, for the purpose of facing up to the Church's responsibility in securing the funds for these new dormitories proposed for the College and to consider what the ministers, through their churches, would be able to do and would do. There were thirty-eight of our ministers present. All conferences were represented. Following a days' discussion, unanimous vote was taken requesting the churches in Virginia to agree and commit themselves to secure in cash and pledges $150,000 toward the erection of Virginia Hall, a dormitory for girls, and that the churches in North Carolina agree and commit themselves to secure $150,000 toward the erection of Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys, with the understanding that the College and its administration would undertake to secure sufficient funds necessary for the completion of these two and the dining room.

This vote was a voluntary vote on the part of the ministers who were present. They realized that they could not obligate their churches to any program, but that they could set goals and request a united effort in an effort to reach these goals.

The Present Status of the College.—We are now in the closing days of the first quarter of the college for 1954-55. The present enrollment is 915, the largest in the history of the school for any one quarter. Five faculty members have been added and necessary equipment purchased. The atmosphere of the campus is congenial and the college spirit is commendable.

For the past three years we have had insufficient water during the months of December and January. In an effort to obviate this inconvenience, a new well has been drilled. A test run on this well revealed a 75 gallon-per-minute capacity, which is entirely satisfactory.

With the exception of a dining room and dormitories badly needed, everything at the College seems to be moving forward and satisfactorily.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Southern Convention has previously authorized the raising of the Two and One-Half Million Dollar Fund for Elon College, and

Whereas the task of raising this fund has not been completed, and

Whereas the ministers of the Southern Convention, at a meeting in Henderson, North Carolina, on January 5, 1954, approved the campaign and voted unanimously to undertake to raise in the churches of the Southern Convention the sum of $300,000—$150,000 from the churches in Virginia as part payment on Virginia Hall, a dormitory for girls, and $150,000 from the churches of North Carolina as part payment on Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys, therefore

Be It Resolved:

That the North Carolina and Virginia Conference accept the recommendation of our ministers and authorize the Executive Committee of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, in cooperation with the Superintendent of the Southern Convention and officials of the College, to proceed with plans and a campaign to secure its pro-rata share of the $150,000 for Carolina Hall, a dormitory for boys.

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This resolution has been approved by the Eastern Virginia Conference, the Eastern North Carolina Conference and the Western North Carolina Conference. The Valley of Virginia will seek approval through the proper Conference channels.

EXHIBIT 7

THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Christian Orphanage received its first children 47 years ago. Since then it has received 716 children. Many of them lived at the Orphanage only a few months, some of them only a few years, but a goodly number had no other home from childhood until they were 18 years of age.

At present there are 79 children at the Orphanage, but most of the year there have been 83. There are two applications being processed, and four other applications are being considered.

There are 11 employees: The superintendent, the secretary, the assistant superintendent, the dairyman, two laborers and five matrons. Of these matrons three are housemothers, one sewing matron who serves also as a supply matron when others have days off, and one kitchen matron.

There are five pre-school children and 10 in senior high school. Of these two are in the 12th grade, and two are in the 11th grade. There are 64 children in grades from the 1st through the 8th. Of these 16 are in the 1st and 2nd grades and eat their midday lunch at the cafeteria. The others return home for lunch.

The children attend Sunday school and morning worship at the Elon College Community Church. The older children attend Pilgrim Fellowship, the younger children grade into three Missionary Societies of the Elon College Community Church. The Orphanage subscribes $400.00 to the Church budget, and also pays through the children something to Sunday school and their Missionary groups. Besides the above worship services there are many other devotional services on the Orphanage campus and frequent services in the Holt Memorial Chapel.

The children are well and happy. They are given typhoid booster shots every year. They are checked by physicians without charge, and given dental care twice each year by local dentists gratis. Relatives are kept in touch with their children and are permitted to visit them. Many friends of the children frequently visit them and help with their clothes and vacations.

The Orphanage maintains a dairy, raises hogs, sufficient beef cattle, raises chickens and supplies its own eggs. It has considerable garden produce, and this year canned over 2,000 gallons of vegetables. The farm gives opportunity for pleasant outdoor activities which the children enjoy. There is play and fun, and the athletic materials are furnished by Church groups.

Cost of maintenance of every kind has greatly increased. Clothing, food, shoes, fuel, water, lights, repairs, and wages; insurance, school fees and replacements all

the way from chairs to tractors drain the treasury. Three dry years have been a severe handicap. We shall need at least $30,388.73 before December 31. Right now we need $818.90 for a new deepwell pump; $218.83 for driveway gravel; $1,000.00 for overdue repairs and painting; $588.00 for replacement, repairing, and new furniture; $12,500.00 a carry-over from 1953. Only the last figure is counted in the estimated balance needed for this year of $30,388.73.

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Superintendent.*

EXHIBIT 8

REPORT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The North Carolina Women's Fellowship theme for 1953-54 study and work was "The Task of the Church Around the World," and the Bible Study was selected Psalms. Under the guidance of God and devoted conference and local leaders, the women's program has rendered much service.

Of the 138 churches included in the area of the N. C. Women's Fellowship, 88 churches reported active societies, enrolling at least 2,763 women. Seven new socities were organized during the year as follows: Ether, Shady Grove, South Boston, Hendersonville, Pope's Chapel, Zion, and Bethlehem. Mt. Gilead society was reorganized.

The six spring rallies were attended by 482 women, and annual conference at Southern Pines, October 5, by 376 women. 108 N. C. women attended the School of Missions at Elon College. Seventy societies had Thank Offering programs, giving a total of $2,022.41 for Mission on Mindanao in the Philippines. Fifty-one societies sent friendly service gifts, 60 observed World Day of Prayer, 41 World Community Day, 45 May Fellowship Day, and 52 societies reported holding Bible Study. Life Memberships given totaled 45 and Memorials, 24, amounting to $690 for Franklinton-at-Bricks.

Total giving was at an all time high—$11,389.17—an increase of $860.92 over last year. Six societies have requested an increase in apportionment. All societies who accepted financial goals reached them.

The Women's Fellowship theme for 1954-55 is "Out of the Heart of the Gospel." Study areas are "India, Pakistan, and Ceylon" along with "The City." The book of "The Acts of the Apostles" has been chosen for Bible study.

Mrs. M. W. Andes, South Boston, Va., is the president for 1954-1955.

MRS. W. T. SCOTT,
President, 1953-54.

EXHIBIT 9

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

A study of the reports submitted to the Annual Conference in 1953 reveals that at the beginning of last Conference Year we had a membership of 10,211; during the year we made a net increase of 425 members. This means that for each 24 members one new member was added. Of this number 322 of those who joined did so on confession of faith. This means that each 31 members won one new member to the church; at this rate, each one of us is winning one member of the Church of our Christ each 11,315 days!

Your Committee on Evangelism has not been active this year. With the exception of our individual activities, we have done nothing. This is a truth which should not be; we all recognize the need for increased emphasis on evangelism. We are encouraged that we will have in the Southern Convention a full-time worker in the field of Stewardship and Evangelism beginning December 1, 1954. We welcome him and pledge him our support as he undertakes his new work. It is our hope and our prayer that our ministers and our laity may become more concerned and consequently more active in this most important endeavor of our Church.

J. EARL DANIELEY, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 10

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education has encouraged Leadership Training Schools and Pilgrim Series Previews during the past year. Where they have been held it has proved to be greatly appreciated and of considerable help to teachers and superintendents.

At Camp Crabtree, near Raleigh, N. C., camps for Junior and junior high young people were conducted. Two junior camps were necessary to accomodate the large number desiring to attend. Both of these sessions were under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Wallace. One junior high camp was held under the leadership of Rev. John R. Lackey.

The Conference for young people of high school age and older was again held on the Campus of Elon College. The Conference was headed by Dean James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Vacation Bible Schools were conducted in a great number of our churches. Materials for such schools were available through the office of the Educational Secretary. In addition to materials, some churches were given personnel through the Student Summer Service Workers.

The Student Summer Service Workers attached to work in our Conference and Convention were Misses Patsy Fuller, Patsy Tate, Betty Van Sharpe, and Martin Eichrodt. All of these students spent most of their time in camps, conferences, and Bible Schools.

The Pilgrim Fellowships of the Conference were hosts to the biennium meeting of our young people of the Southern Convention. This meeting was held for two days at the First Church of Burlington. The new officers are listed under the Pilgrim Fellowship report. A great number of church groups have taken advantage of our Conference Center, Moonelon. This has been a project of the young people and they have given their financial support.

The Board wishes to express to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill its warmest and sincerest appreciation for her tireless efforts, selfless service, and dedication to the work of this Conference. In her new work we extend our thoughts and prayers.

To Elon College the Board of Christian Education turns for a great portion of the training of our future leaders. To her we look for professional and lay leadership. We commend the personnel of the college for its fine work and for the high enrollment for the current year.

The Board recommends that if in the event the Conference has area meetings or association meetings the Educational Secretary be asked into the area for that week to work among those churches.

Church School Convention Officers elected in July, 1954 at the Hopedale Church are:

President—J. R. Lackey.
Vice-President—Leonard Powell.
Secretary—Maynie Flint Neal.
Treasurer—E. W. Kellam.

The Convention will meet with Concord Church in 1955. The Church School Superintendents are invited to meet with the First Congregational Church, Greensboro during February. Thirty-eight Church Schools were represented at the Convention at Hopedale.

JOHN S. GRAVES, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 11

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

WALTER R. SELLARS

Mr. Walter R. Sellars was a man of rare leadership in the civic, mercantile, and religious life of Alamance County. He was one of the early pioneers of the city of Burlington, Alamance County, N. C. Mr. Sellars' business establishment grew with

the progress of the city. He was a prominent leader, deeply interested in the educational problems and progress of Alamance County. He served for a long period of years on the school board of his district, and many of the forward strides in the educational system of Alamance County were directly the results of his leadership. Mr. Sellars served the people of Alamance County, as well as the state of North Carolina, for three terms as a legislator in Raleigh, N. C. Here he demonstrated the wider interest of citizenship, always with a view to the welfare of his constituency, and the promotion of character in government.

Mr. Sellars served the First Christian Church of Burlington in the capacity of a Life Deacon, and also as a long time teacher of the Loyal Men's Bible Class, the oldest men's class of Burlington. Here, he exerted the power of a Christian witness, and the influence of high example over the lives of hundreds of men in this church and community.

As a husband and father, he placed the Lord Jesus first in the home, and was an inspiration to every other family, which had the privilege of knowing his home life. As a counsellor, he will be long cherished by the many who came for his advice and help. All who knew Mr. Sellars knew him to be a man who supported his church with his time, energy, and dollars to his highest and best ability.

The influence of Walter R. Sellars has been felt in many branches of the work of both the North Carolina and Virginia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, and the Southern Convention, and his passing will be a loss to the leaders of the wider fellowship of our faith.

Born in Alamance County, in 1873, he departed this life September 11, 1954. His funeral service was held in the sanctuary of the church of which he had been a member since 1890. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lila Bailey Sellars, a daughter, Elizabeth S. Farmer, and two sons, Bailey and David, all of Greensboro, N. C. Our thoughts and prayers closely attend all members of his much beloved family.

G. C. CRUTCHFIELD, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 12

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ACTION

The objective of this committee should be and must become an application in practice as well as precept on adequate, aggressive, informative interpretation of the statement made by Christ "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

The Church is the foundation of a healthy society not only in things spiritual but in its relationship to all facets of daily living.

Great issues are before all of us and the Church and her followers can not escape responsibilities, individually or collectively.

Prayerful consideration is asked of all Church bodies of the following needs, issues, and recommendations of this committee regarding these:

1. Juvenile Delinquency:
   a. An analysis of local community situations.
   b. Conferences with young people regarding programs of activity that appeal to them.
   c. Utilization of national youth programs that can be adapted to existing church youth activities—such as Cubbing (a program for parents for boys 8 through 10), Scouting (for boys of 11-13), and Exploring (for young men 14-18) Girl Scouting, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.
   d. Relating parents to youth programs as leaders and counsellors.
   e. Seeking guidance and counselling for church youth leaders from professional youth leaders and directors within the community.
   f. Encourage boys in Scouting to earn the "God and Country" award which is a Church award and given only when the boy's pastor has coached, supervised, and counselled the boy through various studies of his church's history, organization, and the functions and when the boy has had spiritual experiences in practice and leadership as directed by his pastor.

g. Co-operate with city and county wide youth programs when there is no conflict with church policies and practices.

2. Segregation:
   a. This issue must be faced conscientiously with a sincere spiritual approach.
   b. Recommended that each church unit undertake to prepare its people to accept the Supreme Court's decision, recommendations, methods—whatever they may be.
   c. Let us as church people make our contribution to whatever the future has in store regarding this issue in a patient, Christ-like manner.
3. Church Committees in Social Action:
   a. It is urged that each church unit select qualified persons to serve on such a committee.
      (1) An analysis of the needs of a community regarding—
         (a) Entertainment,
         (b) Health,
         (c) Community appearance,
         (d) Needs of the poor,
         (e) Education,
         (f) Parental guidance,
         (g) Politics.

(All matters should not be approached as issues but rather as opportunities to provide in community life a better mode of living as well as a re-strengthening and re-establishing spiritual relationships.)

4. International Relationships:
   a. Church individuals should be kept informed on aspects of peace and international brotherhood.
   b. More thought should be given to the United Nations and its successors. Few people look underneath the surface of the supreme effort to bring about an understanding between men of all lands. The United Nations merit not only our prayers but strong action on the part of individuals to participate in its program in some form of contribution.
5. Recommendations for this committee in the future:
   a. Organized into a functioning group of persons whose counselling and guidance would be available to all Church units.
   b. An outline of definite objectives arrived at through prayer and conferences with a definite plan of action.
   c. Establish closer relations with the National Council of Social Action.

W. T. WALLER, JR.

EXHIBIT 13

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, submit the following resolutions:

1. Resolved: That we extend our thanks to the officers and leaders of the Conference for the efficient work done during the year.

2. Resolved: That we express our thanks for the kind hospitality extended by the people and pastor of the First Congregational Church of Greensboro.

3. Resolved: That we express our appreciation to the excellent work of Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, who has resigned and gone into the teaching field.

4. Resolved: That we express our appreciation to the excellent speakers who have brought us messages of great inspiration.

5. Resolved: That we urge delegates to return to local churches with actual reports of this session of Conference and that the delegates and ministers make a conscientious effort to carry out the plans and suggestions made by this Conference for the coming year.

6. Resolved: That we urge our churches to actively participate in the support of the C. M. A.

7. Resolved: That we urge the people to accept the offer of the Board of Publications of *The Christian Sun*—which involves the $2.00 subscription rate, if at least one-half of the families of the church subscribe.

8. Resolved: That we urge the churches who have not signed their "Declaration of Purpose" regarding the Church Building Loan Campaign, to do so at once and begin payments of same.

9. Resolved: That we appreciate work of Laymen's Fellowship at Moonelon and urge continued support of this project.

10. Resolved: That the nominating committee, in the future, give consideration to alternating lay men and women with ministers, for presidency of Conference.

MRS. C. B. WILKINS,
MRS. PAUL POWELL,
R. M. PETERSON,
MRS. M. M. JOYNER,
MAYNARD WELLS.

EXHIBIT 14

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, the Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the First Church of Burlington be the host church for our next Conference and that the time and date be left to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. SNYDER, *Chairman,*
MRS. ROBERT WALKER,
MR. REAMS LONG.

EXHIBIT 15

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, present the following to serve in the offices of the Conference for the year of 1954-55:

President—M. W. Andes.
Vice-President—H. E. Robinson.
Secretary—W. J. Andes.
Assistant Secretary—R. M. Petersen.
Treasurer—R. V. Powell.
Historian—S. C. Harrell.

Committee on Missions—Mrs. W. W. Sloan, Mrs. Tucker G. Humphries, K. D. Register, Chairman; Richard Petersen, Mrs. W. E. Briggs, D. O. Jackson.

Representatives to North Carolina Council of Churches—Ministerial: W. W. Snyder, T. D. Sutton. *Lay*: Earl Danieley, Mrs. A. L. Hook.
Alternates—D. O. Jackson, Lester Stanley, Mrs. C. C. Griffin, Mrs. Ealer Murray.

Representatives to Virginia Council of Churches—Ministerial: W. T. Madren. *Lay*: Mrs. Cecil Wilkins. *Alternates*: W. W. Hall and Mrs. Y. A. Bray.

MRS. J. C. WILKINS,
B. A. LEEBRICK,
FRED ALLRED,
HUGH B. NELSON,
W. E. WALKER,
Committee.

EXHIBIT 16

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, the members of your Committee on Finance, have examined the records of the Treasurer, and find them to be correct and in order.

We recommend:

1. That the Secretary be paid $75.00 for expenses incurred in the transaction of his duties during the past year.
2. That the treasurer be authorized to pay $25.00 to Dr. Sydney M. Berry.
3. That the bills for Annuals, report blanks, programs, and necessary supplies be paid by the treasurer on order of the secretary.
4. That $300.00 be paid to the North Carolina Council of Churches and $50.00 be paid to the Virginia Council of Churches.
5. That the Executive Committee of the Conference be empowered to act on any request of the Conference Missionary Association.
6. That all bills incident to this Conference be paid.
7. That the pastor's insurance be paid upon receipt of bill.

J. ROBERT WALKER,
J. E. CUMBIE,
W. W. SNYDER.

EXHIBIT 17

REPORT OF THE N. C. and VA. PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

During the past year the N. C. and Va. Conference Pilgrim Fellowship observed two rallies, one with the Southern Convention held at Burlington's First Church in the spring and the other was the fall rally held at the Palm St. Church in Greensboro, N. C. The main item of business at the fall rally was the election of officers.

N. C. and Va. Pilgrim Fellowship Officers, 1954-55:

President—Dorothy Mauldin, Winston-Salem.
Vice-President—Louis Wilkins, Liberty, Va.
Secretary—Shelby Jean Cox, Happy Home.
Treasurer—Bill Oakley, Beverly Hills.

Commission Chairman:

Faith—Margaret Walker, Durham.
Action—Lois Robinson, Burlington.
Fellowship—Jane Tate, Greensboro.

Advisors:

J. R. Lackey.
T. D. Sutton.
W. T. Scott, Jr.

Also the Pilgrim Fellowship of this conference observed the annual Workday for Christ and supported the S. C. P. F. project, which was Moonelon.

CURTIS YOUNG, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT 18

REPORT REGARDING BEQUEST OF MISS M. JOANNA JONES

After receiving legal advice from local attorneys and the opinion of Dr. Frank J. Scribner, General Secretary of the Ministerial Relief Division of The Board of Home Mission, we, your committee, recommend that we not accept the bequest of Miss M. Joanna Jones of Graham, N. C., and that Attorney Thomas C. Carter be so notified.

W. T. SCOTT,
W. W. SNYDER.

EXHIBIT 19

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The North Carolina and Virginia Conference Laymen's Fellowship had three conference-wide meetings during the past year. On November 7, 1953, a meeting was held at the Monticello Church with one hundred fifteen men in attendance. Officers for a two year term were elected as follows.

President—T. A. Vincent, Route 1, Burlington, N. C.
Vice-President—A. E. Pye, 303 Aberdeen Terrace, Greensboro, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer—W. P. Mahan, Route 2, Burlington, N. C.

On January 8, 1954, a meeting was held at Paul's Restaurant in Burlington. At this meeting Dr. Henry Robinson presented tentative drawings of the plans at Moonelon and discussed plans for raising the money for this project.

A meeting was held March 16, 1954, at the Union, N. C., Church with Mr. W. A. Graham, National Chairman of the Laymen's Fellowship as guest speaker. One hundred fifty-one Laymen were present at this meeting, representing 18 churches.

The Moonelon Development Program has made some progress during the year. On June 5, the Laymen had a workday at Moonelon to clean up the grounds. Approximaaely one hundred men were in attendance. The assembly building has been started and we are hoping to get much more done on this project within the next few months.

Several Laymen Fellowship groups have been organized during the year.

W. P. MAHAN, *Secretary.*

EXHIBIT 20

DR. S. C. HARRELL

In its long history few ministers of this Conference and the Southern Convention have equaled or surpassed the leadership and devotion of Dr. Stanley C. Harrell. A native of Eastern Virginia, Dr. Harrell graduated from Elon College and Union Theological Seminary (Richmond). He was a Chaplain of the United States Army during the first World War.

Serving as pastor of the Congregational Christian Church of Durham, North Carolina, for 35 years, ending his pastorate there October 31, 1954, he has with distinction led this congregation in such ways of wisdom and devotion that his strong church today bears a significant witness not only in Durham but also among our stronger Churches of the Convention.

For 25 years Dr. Harrell served this Conference as its efficient Secretary and later as its President. For many years he has served as Chairman of the Conference Committee on Ministry, and as such he has been an inspirer, example, counselor, and friend of scores of young men preparing for the Christian ministry.

Dr. Harrell has served the Southern Convention faithfully through the years as one of its able Presidents, as Chairman of the important Finance Committee, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Elon College. In fact, there are few interests of our church where he has not served in various capacities, and with distinction to himself and honor to his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Dr. Harrell has served our General Council as a member of its Executive Committee, and in interdenominational relationships he has been a useful leader. He served as one of the first Presidents of the N. C. Council of Churches.

At the 1954 session of the Southern Convention it was a logical action of the Convention to name Dr. Harrell as the Editor of *The Christian Sun.* Upon his retirement as pastor of the Durham Church, on November 1st, he is now devoting his energies to *The Christian Sun* as its editor. Under his wise, capable and devoted services, *The Christian Sun* will serve our people with increasing effectiveness.

Be it resolved:

1. That this session of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference express to Dr. Harrell its deep appreciation for his honored and faithful services to it and to our whole church.
2. That we extend our best wishes to Dr. Harrell for continued good health and for much happiness and satisfaction in his new relationship as a servant of our churches as the editor of *The Christian Sun.*
3. That we pledge to him our support in his editorship of *The Christian Sun.*

W. T. SCOTT,
Superintendent.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Allred, C. F.—Sermons, 106; conversions, 34; members received, 33; baptisms, 31; addresses, 2; marriages, 6; funerals, 11; salary, $3,000.

Andes, M. W.—Sermons, 56; conversions, 5; members received, 55; baptisms, 9; addresses, 5; marriages, 2; funerals, 11; salary, $3,000.

Andes, W. J.—Sermons, 118; conversions, 17; members received, 30; baptisms, 23; addresses, 25; marriages, 8; funerals, 7; salary, $3,858.32.

Bowden, D. J.—Director, Indiana School of Religion.

Bowers, T. F.—Sermons, 110; conversions, 16; members received, 24; baptisms, 18; addresses, 10; marriages, 11; funerals, 12; salary, $3,265.

Bozarth, H. P.—Sermons, 34; addresses, 11; funerals, 2; salary, $2,933.30. Transferred at Conference to Yankton Association of South Dakota Conference of Congregational Churches.

Brooks, A. C.—Sermons, 6; 90 daily chapel services. Teacher and chaplain at Asheville school. Salary, $3,500.00.

Cosby, B. R.—Received at Conference from the New York Association of Congregational Churches.

Crutchfield, G. C.—Sermons, 73; conversions, 17; members received, 11; baptisms, 17; marriages, 7; funerals, 26; salary, $1,680.00.

Graves, J. S.—Director of Religious Education, First Church, Burlington. Salary, $2,600.00.

Hall, W. W.—Sermons, 100; conversions, 16; members received, 15; baptisms, 12; addresses, 4; marriages, 6; funerals, 9; salary, $3,260.50. Received at Conference from Woburn Association of Congregational Churches, Mass.

Harrell, S. C.—Sermons, 51; conversions, 2; members received, 10; baptisms, 5; addresses, 9; marriages, 4; funerals, 9; salary, $4,500.00. Editor of *The Christian Sun* for next year.

Heymann, C. M.—Sermons, 58; conversions, 7; members received, 25; baptisms, 5; addresses, 17; marriages, 6; funerals, 6; salary, $2,080.00.

Humphries, T. G.—Sermons, 110; members received, 30; baptisms, 21; addresses, 21; marriages, 13; funerals, 20; salary, $4,740.00.

Jackson, D. O.—Sermons, 67; members received, 2; baptisms, 2; addresses, 2; marriages, 4; funerals, 2; salary, $3,500.00.

Key, C. R.—Sermons, 10; addresses, 40; salary, $4,800.00. State Director of CROP. Next year, Associate Director of the Committee on the Use and Understanding of the Bible.

Lackey, J. R.—Sermons, 105; members received, 13; baptisms, 26; addresses, 3; marriages, 2; funerals, 9; salary, $3,000.00.

Leebrick, B. A.—Sermons, 80; conversions, 5; members received, 6; baptisms, 8; addresses, 4; marriages, 1; funerals, 2; salary, $3,320.00.

Madren, W. T.—Sermons, 74; conversions, 20; members received, 24; baptisms, 20; marriages, 10; funerals, 7; salary, $3,600.00.

Morgan, W. H.—Teacher at Appalachian Teachers College.

Neese, J. L.—Addresses, 4; marriages, 1; funerals, 2. Retired.

Perkins, J. C.—Acting Head of the Department of Religion of the University of Oregon.

Petersen, R. M.—Sermons, 55; conversions, 2; members received, 3; baptisms, 2; addresses, 4; marriages, 1; funerals, 3; salary, $3,400.00.

Ratzell, F. E.—Sermons, 47; conversions, 4; members received, 23; baptisms, 5; addresses, 3; marriages, 3; funerals, 6; salary, $4,233.00.

Register, K. D.—Sermons, 62; conversions, 3; members received, 13; addresses, 4; marriages, 5; funerals, 4; salary, $3,600.00.

Reynolds, F. E.—Sermons, 45; members received, 3; baptisms, 6; addresses, 15; marriages, 1; funerals, 3; salary, $1,250.00. Professor at Elon College.

Robinson, H. E.—Sermons, 75; conversions, 18; members received, 40; baptisms, 15; addresses, 15; marriages, 4; funerals, 6; salary, $4,800.00.

Scott, W. T., Jr.,—Received at Conference from Litchfield N. W. Association of Conn. Sermons, 46; members received, 10; baptisms, 13; addresses, 2; funerals, 4.

Shepherd, D. W.—Received at Conference from Georgia Conference. Sermons, 85; conversions, 5; members received, 8; baptisms, 4; addresses, 13; marriages, 2; funerals, 4; salary. $4,000.00.

Sloan, W. W.—Sermons, 39; members received, 3; baptisms, 3; addresses, 79. Professor of Bible, Elon College.

Smith, H. S.—Professor of American Religious Thought, Duke Divinity School, Duke University.

Smith, J. H.—Chairman, English Department, Newtown High School, Newtown, Conn. Sermons, 20; conversions, 3; members received, 6; baptisms, 3; addresses, 15; salary, $4,300.00.

Snyder, W. W.—Sermons, 84; conversions, 14; members received, 56; baptisms, 14; addresses, 3; marriages, 5; funerals, 6; salary, $3,600.00.

Sorrell, M. T.—Sermons, 135; conversions, 40; members received, 20; baptisms, 25; addresses, 10; marriages, 13; funerals, 27. Superintendent of Faith Home.

Stubbs, Irving R.—Sermons, 3; members received, 4; salary, $300.00. Received at Conference from New York Association of Congregational Churches.

Sutton, T. D.—Sermons, 89; conversions, 17; members received, 17; baptisms, 13; marriages, 2; funerals, 4; salary, $3,240.00.

Thelen, Mary Frances—Assoc. Professor of Religion, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Veazey, G. H.—Received at Conference from Western N. C. Conference of Congregational Christian Churches.

Wehrenberg, E. L.—Retired.

Welch, M. V.—Sermons, 159; conversions, 51; members received, 20; baptisms, 4; addresses, 14; marriages, 6; funerals, 9; salary, $4,770.00.

White, O. H.—Sermons, 49; members received, 7; baptisms, 6; addresses, 8; marriages, 1; funerals 4.

Wisseman, W. E.—Sermons, 80; conversions, 23; members received, 55; baptisms, 21; marriages, 6; funerals, 18; salary, $5,750.00.

LOCAL CONFERENCE ORDINATION

Loman, J. H.—Sermons, 465; conversions, 648; members received, 58; baptisms, 5; marriages, 4; funerals, 15. Salary, $4,500.00.

Stanley, J. L.—Sermons, 96; members received, 1; funerals, 10; salary, $1,872.00.

LICENTIATES

Chang, Timothy—Student at Ohio State University.

Johnson, H. L.—Sermons, 65; conversions, 2; members received, 2; addresses, 1; funerals, 1; salary, $1.890.00.

Littiken, J. P.—Received at Conference from the Eastern N. C. Conference of Congregational Christian Churches. Licensed at Conference.

Matthews, A. W.—Sermons, 48; conversions, 7; members received, 17; baptisms, 9; addresses, 3; marriages, 2; funerals, 1; salary, $1,100.00.

Nelson, S. D., Jr.—Transferred at Conference to the Eastern Virginia Conference.

Underwood, I. T.—Retired.

Walker, Clifton—Licensed at Conference.

Waller, W. T., Jr.—Sermons, 43; addresses, 11; Boy Scout Executive Officer. Supplies churches when needed.

BIBLICAL CLASS

Bennett, G. B.—Sermons, 55; conversions, 5; members received, 9; salary, $450. Student at Elon College.

Bennett, J. B.—Received at Conference. Student at Elon College.

Mulholland, C. C., III—Student at Duke University.

Phillips, G. M., Jr.—Sermons, 2; prayer meetings, 3. Student at Elon College.

Shepherd, Rowland—Received since last Conference.

Young, Curtis—Sermons, 53; conversions, 5; members received, 7; addresses, 6; salary, $612.50.

Minutes of the Forty-Second Annual Session of THE NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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THE CHURCH OF WIDE FELLOWSHIP, SOUTHERN PINES, N. C.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1954

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MORNING SESSION

The forty-second annual session of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference was held on October 5, 1954, at the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines, North Carolina. The theme of the meeting was "Out of the Heart of the Gospel." There were 327 registered for the meeting. The president, Mrs. William T. Scott, presided.

After the song service, led by Mrs. Vance Pegram, pastor's assistant of the First Church, Greensboro, Mrs. H. E. Robinson, chairman of Spiritual Life, led in a worship service.

Mrs. Bryant Poe of the host church welcomed the Conference, and Mrs. Scott recognized the ministers and visitors.

Mrs. H. E. Robinson was asked to serve as secretary.

The president appointed the following committees:

Nominating—Mrs. W. J. Andes, Mrs. J. R. Ellis, Mrs. Mack Welch (appointed prior to Conference).

Program—Mrs. R. V. Powell, Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Mrs. K. D. Register (appointed prior to Conference.)

Place—Mrs. C. J. Wright, Mrs. T. D. Sutton, Mrs. W. B. O'Neill.

Miss Jennie M. Doidge, assistant executive secretary of the Missions Council, brought the main address of the morning—"Face to Face with India."

The offering was received, and Mr. Roger Gibbs field secretary for Elon College, rendered a beautiful offertory selection.

Mrs. J. L. Davis, Literature chairman, stressed subscriptions to *The Christian Sun.*

Mrs. K. D. Register, Visual Aid chairman, reported an increase in the use of visual aids.

Mrs. Carl Wallace, Social Action chairman, stressed that all Christians should be actively concerned with all social problems.

Mrs. Mack Welch, Cradle Roll chairman, announced one new cradle roll.

Mrs. W. A. Grissom, Children's chairman, reported that only nineteen churches reported children's organized missionary education and missionary giving groups.

Mrs. Mark Andes, Young People's chairman, reported that Miss Bouneva Farlough had been commissioned as a missionary to Ceylon as a result of our missionary emphasis in youth groups.

Mrs. Ed Chilton, Family Life chairman, stressed that Faith is a family affair.

Mrs. R. V. Powell, Interdenominational Cooperation chairman, had three women with posters tell of World Community Day, World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship Day.

Mrs. R. L. Jackson, Friendly Service chairman, explained the projects for this year, mentioning the layettes and the national quotas of friendly service.

The Thank Offering will go to the new South Boston Church.

The District Superintendents who were present were recognized, and each of them gave a brief report. New societies reported were: Ether, Shady Grove, Hendersonville, Center of South Boston, Pope's Chapel, Zion, Lee's Chapel and Bethlehem.

Rev. Eugene R. Tally closed the morning session with prayer and the blessing.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Conference reconvened with the use of the theme hymn, "One Church, One Faith, and One Lord," led by Mrs. Pegram. Mrs. R. L. Jackson, vice-president, presided.

Mrs. W. B. O'Neill, Life Memberships and Memorials chairman, held a brief, impressive memorial service.

Mrs. F. C. Lester gave the high-lights of the General Council meeting in New Haven, Connecticut.

Dr. Wofford C. Timmons gave a graphic description of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois.

The president gave her report, using the theme, "The Mission of the Heart." She said that all societies had met their apportionment goals.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and on motion was adopted. (See Exhibit 1.)

The Place Committee announced that an invitation for next year's Conference had come from the Durham Church. The invitation was accepted.

Conference evaluation sheets were distributed to be filled out.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted and the officers and superintendents for the ensuing year were elected. (See Exhibit 2.)

The acting secretary gave a brief resume of the minutes for the year. The following actions were reported:

1. That the Executive Board raised the annual contribution to the North Carolina Council of Church Women from $35.00 to $50.00.

2. In the light of the large amounts of money which the treasurer is now handling she requested to be bonded, and the Board authorized her to maka arrangements for same.

There were three recommendations:

1. That $50.00 be sent to Miss Bouneva Farlough of the Sophia Church, who has just been commissioned as a missionary to Ceylon.

2. That a memorial be given in memory of Mrs. S. E. Albert, who passed away while chairman of the Committee on Life Memberships and Memorials.

3. That the name of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference of Congregational Christian Churches be changed to "The North Carolina Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women," in keeping with the national title of the National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women.

These recommendations were adopted.

Mrs. W. B. Williams led in a closing service of consecration and installation of officers.

Dr. William T. Scott pronounced the benediction.

MRS. WM. T. SCOTT, *President.*
MRS. H. E. ROBINSON, *Acting Secretary.*

REPORTS

EXHIBIT 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Women's Societies	$ 10,440.93
Young People	21.21
Junior Societies	304.79
Cradle Roll	256.60
Conference Offering (Greensboro First Church)	188.46
Rally Offerings	167.18
Special Memorial (Mrs. W. P. Minton)	10.00
Total Receipts	$ 11,389.17

Disbursements

Expenses of Rallies	$ 90.98	
Conference and Rally Speakers	70.00	
Florist	5.33	
Literature Packets for New Societies	22.05	
Literature, Supplies, Mimeographing, Printing	101.12	
Expense of Board Meetings	126.22	
Expense of President	27.51	
Expense of Treasurer	33.00	
Gift to Auditor	25.00	
Expense of Fall Conference Registration	18.10	
Expense of Interdenominational Cooperation	15.63	
Youth Fellowship	21.21	
United Church Women	130.26	
United Church Women of North Carolina	70.00	
		$ 755.51
Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Treas., Woman's Mission Board of The Southern Convention, for:		
Missions—General Fund		$ 6,276.65
Foreign Missions—Special Fund		60.00
Home Missions—Special Fund		20.00

Thank Offering	2,022.41	
Life Memberships	450.00	
Memorials	240.00	
Scholarship for India	50.00	
CARE Package for India	10.00	
Missions in India	5.00	
Rachanyapuram School, India	36.00	
Our Christian World Mission	81.30	
Puerto Rican Goat Fund	1,283.40	
Spanish-Speaking Americans	20.20	
Ellis Island	20.50	
Christian Orphanage	24.50	
Cent-a-Meal Offerings	33.70	
		10,633.66
Total Disbursements		$ 11,389.17

Respectfully submitted,

SUSIE D. ALLEN, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 2

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President—Mrs. Mark Andes.
Vice-President—Mrs. W. E. Briggs.
Secretary—Mrs. W. Walter Hall.
Treasurer—Miss Susie D. Allen.

Departmental Superintendents—
Spiritual Life, Mrs. H. E. Robinson.
Literature, Mrs. Wilson Graham.
Family Life, Mrs. Ed Chilton.
Life Memberships and Memorials, Mrs. W. B. O'Neill.
Interdenominational Cooperation, Mrs. R. V. Powell.
Young People, Mrs. J. R. Ellis.
Children, Mrs. Ruth Rogers.
Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mack V. Welch.
Social Action, Mrs. Carl Wallace.
Visual Aids, Mrs. K. D. Register.
Friendly Service, Mrs. W. E. Briggs.

District Superintendents—
Asheboro, Mrs. Bill Simmons.
Burlington, Mrs. T. D. Sutton.
Greensboro, Mrs. R. W. Isley.
Halifax, Mrs. G. W. Pollard.
Henderson, Mrs. E. M. Powell.
Raleigh, Mrs. R. L. Jackson.
Sanford, Mrs. R. W. Cline.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. ANDES, *Chairman,*
MRS. J. R. ELLIS,
MRS. MACK V. WELCH.

Minutes of the Forty-Second Annual Session of THE EASTERN VIRGINIA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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OAKLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CHUCKATUCK, VA., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1954

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MORNING SESSION

The Eastern Virginia Woman's Missionary Conference met in its forty-second annual session in the Oakland Congregational Christian Church, October 7, 1954. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Garland Spratley, president, at 10:00 a. m.

The prelude was played by Mrs. I. W. Johnson, organist for the day. Mrs. B. V. Hargrave of the Franklin Church conducted devotionals, using as her theme "Out of the Heart of the Gospel." Mrs. A. L. Wagner of the Oakland Church welcomed the Conference.

Mrs. Spratley recognized the ministers, visitors and Conference members. Three hundred and four responded to the roll call.

Mrs. George Cornell, treasurer, gave her report. (See Auditor's statement, Exhibit 1.) It was moved and voted that the report be accepted and filed.

Mrs. L. J. Brown, chairman of Literature, presented the literature to be used in 1954-55.

Mrs. Spratley recognized Mrs. W. B. Williams, president of the Woman's Convention of the Southern Christian Convention. She brought greetings from the North Carolina Conference.

The Recommendations were read by Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, chairman. These were to be voted on during the afternoon session.

The president appointed the following committees:

Courtesy—Mrs. C. E. Reynolds, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Edward Bresco, Mrs. Edon Fulgham, Mrs. Darden Jones

Place—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Mrs. J. E. McCauley.

Nomination—Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell, Mrs. Walter Seeley, Mrs. C. N. Harris.

The hymn, "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," was sung, after which the president presented Miss Jennie Doidge of Boston, Massachusetts, associate executive secretary of the Missions Council of the Congregational Christian Churches. Her subject was "The Pictures of My Heart." Mrs. George Alley of Suffolk sang a solo, "O, Savious Sweet."

Mrs. E. G. Middleton, chairman of Life Memberships and Memorials, conducted a memorial service for those who died the past year.

The offering was presided over by the Rev. H. S. Hardcastle. The amount of the offering was $103.21.

Dr. I. W. Johnson gave the closing prayer for the morning session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with singing of the hymn, "O, Love That Will Not Let Me Go," following which Mrs. J. Frank Morgan offered a prayer.

Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, president of the Southern Convention, presented plans for the coming convention year.

The following District Superintendents reported: Mrs. Frank Sodomka, Waverly District; Miss Carolyn Gort, Norfolk District; Mrs. R. E. Brittle, Suffolk District. Each superintendent referred the Conference to her report in the "program booklet."

Mrs. L. W. Vaughan and Mrs. A. B. Jarvis sang a duet.

The following Departmental Leaders gave reports: Cradle Roll, Mrs. W. R. Seeley; Children, Mrs. Shirley Holland; Young People, Mrs. Clyde Fields. These asked that the Conference read further reports from the "program booklet."

The following Standing Committees reported: Spiritual Life, Mrs. Raye Knight; Family Life, Mrs. Millard Stevens; Friendly Service, Mrs. Ray Gordon; Visual Aid, Mrs. A. C. Moore; Interdenominational Cooperation, Mrs. W. H. Johnson. These also asked that their longer reports be read from the booklet. These program booklets were prepared and distributed by Mrs. Ray Gordon and Mrs. R. E. Brittle.

Mrs. L. W. Stagg, chairman of the Thank Offering Committee of the Southern Convention, presented the project for 1954-55, namely, that the offering should go to the new church at South Boston, Virginia.

Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, secretary, reread to the Conference the Recommendations. (See Exhibit 2.)

It was moved and seconded that the Recommendations be accepted as a whole. Motion carried.

The following tributes and memorials were then presented: To Miss Pattie Lee Coghill, for her long years of devoted service to the Southern Christian Convention; to Mrs. C. E. Hargrove, who died while holding office in the Conference; to Mrs. Jennie Willis Bradford, who passed away after giving many years of herself in the work of the Conference and the Convention.

Mrs. Edward Bresko read the report of the Courtesy Committee. It was adopted as read. Mrs. I. W. Vaughan read the report of the Committee on Place. Motion was made and carried that the Conference accept an invitation extended by the Waverly Church.

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Wm. T. Harrell, chairman, submitted its report, offering the following slate of officers for 1954-55:

President—Mrs. Garland Spratley, Dendron, Va.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ray Gordon, 218 Grace Street, Suffolk, Va.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Edward Johnson, Rt. 3, Suffolk, Va.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank Lewis, 1200 Spratley St., Portsmouth, Va.
Treasurer—Mrs. George Cornell, Rt. 2, Suffolk, Va.
Departmental Superintendents—
Young People, Mrs. Clyde Fields, Hunterdale, Franklin, Va.
Children, Mrs. Shirley Holland, Windsor, Va.
Cradle Roll, Mrs. Allen Piland, Rt. 2, Holland, Va.

Chairmen of Standing Committees—

Christian Family Life, Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, 6049 Newport Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Interdenominational Cooperation, Mrs. Olin Pendleton, 129 Hardy, Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Life Memberships and Memorials, Mrs. E. G. Middleton, 2942 Amherst Street, Norfolk, Va.

Literature, Mrs. L. J. Brown, 40 Walnut Avenue, Newport News, Va.

Spiritual Life, Mrs. Raye Knight, Chuckatuck, Va.

Visual Aids, Mrs. Walter Seeley, Waverly, Va.

District Superintendents—

Norfolk, Miss Carolyn Gort.

Suffolk, Mrs. Ellis Clark, Walters, Va.

Waverly, Mrs. Frank Sodomka, 103 Third Avenue, Hopewell, Va.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted and the officers elected. Motion carried.

Mrs. Spratley announced the following dates to be observed during 1954-55: The Rev. Quentin Leisher at Suffolk, January 12, 1955; the Midwinter Meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, January 26, 27, 1955; and the District Meetings: Waverly District at Wakefield, March 22; Suffolk District at Holland, March 23, and Norfolk District at Shelton Memorial, Portsmouth, March 24.

The closing hymn was "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which Mrs. Spratley adjourned the meeting.

The Convention will meet in Waverly, October 6, 1955, for its next session.

MRS. GARLAND SPRATLEY, *President.*
MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE, *Secretary.*

REPORTS

EXHIBIT 1

AUDITOR'S REPORT

At the request of Mrs. George Cornell, your treasurer, I have made an examination of the cash receipts and disbursements, as recorded in her accounts and financial records, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1954.

All recorded receipts were deposited in the bank and were in agreement with the bank statement. All disbursements were found to be sufficiently supported by invoice and cancelled checks.

My examination disclosed the following:

CASH SUMMARY

Balance, October 1, 1953	$ 292.98
Receipts	10,543.47
Total Receipts and Balance	$ 10,836.45
Disbursements	10,756.90
Balance, September 30, 1954	$ 79.55

It is my opinion that all receipts and disbursements have been accounted for and that the cash balance set forth above is correct, and that your treasurer has made a full and complete accounting for all funds entrusted to her custody during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1954.

Respectfully yours,

C. J. RIDDICK, *Accountant.*

EXHIBIT 2

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That since we are a part of our National Women's Fellowship and since our programs include Bible Study and Family Spiritual Development as well as Mission Study, we recommend that we suggest to the Convention that the name, Women's Fellowship of the Southern Convention be adopted and if adopted that this body be known as the Women's Fellowship of Eastern Virginia.

2. That a contribution of $75.00 be made to the Virginia Council of Church support of the Thank Offering project as suggested by the Convention Committee, ern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Va.

3. That the cooperation of the Conference membership be requested in the support of the Thank Offering Project aas suggested by the Convention Committee, namely, that the offering should go to the new church at South Boston, Va., the Rev. Mark Andes, Pastor.

4. That the Goal for 1954-55 be $10,000.

5. That we emphasize the National Goals as set up for 1954-55.

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Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh Annual Session of THE VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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NEWPORT CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1954

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MORNING SESSION

The Virginia Valley Central Women's Fellowship met in its twenty-seventh annual session with the Newport Church on October 8, 1954.

Mrs. C. W. Whitlock, the president, called the meeting to order. After singing the hymn, "Jesus Saves," Mrs. R. E. Newton led in a very meaningful devotional service.

Mrs. C. W. Louderback welcomed the Conference to Newport.

Visitors recognized were Miss Jennie Doidge, Miss Grace Spivey, and Mrs. W. B. Williams. Three ministers were present, also four of the five district superintendents and sixty-four delegates representing twelve of our churches.

Special music was rendered by the Winchester youth.

The message of the hour was given by Miss Jennie M. Doidge, representing the Missions Council. Miss Doidge gave a very interesting message on our work in India and Ceylon.

Committees were appointed and an offering received by the president.

Mrs. Louise Galt rendered a prayer solo.

The morning session was dismissed by the Rev. R. A. Whitten, who also asked the grace for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with a presentation of "The City," by the Winchester Church.

The president presented her report.

The following Departmental Reports were presented and adopted:

Spiritual Life, Mrs. R. E. Newton; Friendly Service, Mrs. Tom Good; Life Memberships and Memorials, Mrs. Minnie Hensley; Interdenominational Cooperation, Mrs. A. W. Andes; Christian Family Life. Mrs. E. J. Rohart; Visual Aids, Mrs. H. F. Nelson; Young People, Mrs. R. A. Whitten; Juniors, Mrs. Shirley White; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Linden Kipps.

The Historian, Mrs. B. F. Frank, made an interesting report.

The Nominating Committee made its report. On motion, the report was accepted, and the officers and district and departmental superintendents were elected. (See report of Nominating Committee.)

Hymn, "We've a Story to Tell."

The message of the afternoon was given by Mrs. W. B. Williams, the president of the Southern Convention Women, who spoke on the International Seminar, which she attended last summer.

Further reports given were: Recommendations Committee, Resolutions Committee, Committee on Place, and the Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. W. B. Williams led in the service of consecration and installation of officers.

Adjournment.

MRS. C. L. WHITLOCK, *President.*
MRS. AUSTIN KIPPS, *Secretary.*

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

EXHIBIT 1
REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Balance, September 15, 1953	$ 215.88
Receipts	1,374.58
Total Receipts and Balance	$1,590.46
Disbursements	1,474.85
Balance	$ 115.61

MRS. J. E. BRYANT, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 2
REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the nominating committee submit the following slate of officers:

President—Mrs. C. W. Whitlock.
Vice-President—Mrs. Tom Good—Friendly Service Chairman.
Secretary—Mrs. Austin Kipps.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. E. Bryant.
Historian—Mrs. B. F. Frank.

Department Superintendents—

Young People, Mrs. E. J. Rohart.
Juniors, Mrs. Shirley White.
Cradle Roll, Mrs. Amy Kibler.
Spiritual Life, Mrs. R. A. Whitten.
Family Life, Mrs. Lena Rothgeb.
Literature, Mrs. Ralph Galt.
Life Memberships and Memorials, Mrs. Howard Hensley.
Visual Aids, Mrs. D. H. Dofflemeyer.
Interdenominational Cooperation, Mrs. A. W. Andes.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GRACE DOFFLEMYER,
MRS. ROY HOSAFLOOK,
MRS. LENORD COMER,
MRS. RALPH GALT,
MRS. GROVER DAUGHERTY.

EXHIBIT 3

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

We your Committee on Recommendations wish to submit the following:

1. That each local church be urged to send representatives to Conferences, Rallies and the School of Missions at Elon and to invite returned Missionaries to speak.

2. Promote in each church the feature film, "The Beginning."

3. That special emphasis be placed on the Thank Offering project—The Center Church at South Boston.

4. We urge that each fellowship through Friendly Service, send at least one layette, sweaters and quilts to one of the following:

a. Thrift Shop in Delmo Communities.
b. Korea.
c. Dr. Terfile Sant's work in Naples, Italy.
d. East Harlem Parish (Protestant) N. Y.
e. Phillipine Islands (two places).
f. Japan Orphanage.

5. That each Fellowship be urged to give one or more Life Memberships or Memorials which go to renovate the Chapel at Franklinton Center at Bricks.

6. We recommend that each Fellowship strive to meet its apportionment so that the disignated goal of $1,250.00 be met.

7. That we cooporate with the United Council of Church Women in Interdenominational work.

8. That a letter of appreciation be sent to Miss Pattie Lee Coghill for her untiring efforts in the interest of Women's work.

9. That the Conference go on record advocating that our church members be total abstainers and diligently teach our children this way of life—Abstinence the only preventive.

10. That this conference and its individuals and members use their influence to bring about compliance with the recent decision of the Supreme Court, declaring Segregation in the public schools to be unconstitutional and that furthermore this Conference urge acceptance of people of all racees in our Women's Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DEWEY DOFFLEMYER,
MRS. A. W. ANDES,
MRS. E. LENA ROTHGEB.

EXHIBIT 4

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE

Your Committee on Place has received no invitation for the next session of Conference. We recommend that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

Minutes of the Sixty-Third Annual Session of

THE EASTERN VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

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BEREA (NANSEMOND) CHURCH, DRIVER, VIRGINIA
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1954

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MORNING SESSION

The Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association held its sixty-third annual session at the Berea (Nansemond) Congregational Christian Church, Driver, Virginia, on Thursday, December 9, 1954.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by the president, the Rev. Earl T. Farrell. The program for the annual session was presented and adopted. The Rev. Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, pastor of the host church, conducted a brief service of worship.

The recording secretary called the roll of the churches, and the financial secretary, the Rev. R. E. Brittle, assisted by the Rev. James H. Lightbourn, Jr., and Dr. H. S. Hardcastle, recorded names of members and collected dues for the year. (For memberships reported, see Exhibit 1.)

It was noted that several of the churhces had presented no report, but pledges from some of those churches indicated that additional memberships would be forthcoming.

The president expressed appreciation to the churches for their interest in the work of the Association as evidenced by the memberships recorded for the current year.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Association was presented (Exhibit 2) and adopted.

Reports of churches aided by the Association during the past year were given by Mrs. I. S. Morris for the Bayview Church, Norfolk; the Rev. J. Everette Neese for Central Church, Norfolk; the Rev. James W. Madren for the Hopewell Church; the Rev. Ernest F. Brickhouse for the Bayside Church; and Mrs. J. H. Booth, Jr., for the Deer Park Church, Warwick.

The president expressed the appreciation of the Association for the encouraging reports which had been made by the churches.

(For a summary of the reports, see Exhibit 3.)

The recording secretary read the Treasurer's Report, which was accepted and ordered referred to the auditor. (See Exhibit 4.)

The Rev. Ellis N. Clark led those present in singing a hymn.

The Rev. George D. Alley presented an address on "The Church's Opportunities."

The financial secretary urged that memberships not yet reported be sent to him or to the recording secretary at the earliest possible time. He reported that memberships reported at the current session amounted to $3,930.00.

It was voted to instruct the financial secretary to transfer all funds collected during the current session to the Rev. Mr. Lightbourne for delivery to the treasurer.

The morning session was concluded following prayer by the Rev. William P. Smith. Luncheon was served by the ladies of Berea Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was called to order by the president at 2:00 o'clock, and the Rev. Mr. Lightbourne led those present in the singing of a hymn. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. W. Millard Stevens.

The president introduced the Rev. Raymond T. Grissom, new minister of the Holy Neck Church.

The Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., presented an address, "The Church with Banners Flying."

The president called for reports of committees:

The Rev. Mr. Alley presented the report of the Nominating Committee. (See Exhibit 5.) The report was accepted, and the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot to elect the officers proposed by the Nominating Committee.

The Rev. Clyde L. Fields presented the report of the Plans Committee. (See Exhibit 7.) Following discussion, the report was adopted.

The recording secretary read the report of the auditor, which was adopted. (See Exhibit 7.)

The report of the Committee on Place (Exhibit 8) was presented by Mrs. Clyde L. Fields, and was approved.

The report of the Committ on Rsolutions (See Exhibit 9) was presented by the Rev. Harvey L. Carnes, and was approved.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, that the treasurer be authorized to pay from the funds of the Association all expenses incurred by the officers in planning, publicizing and conducting the current annual session, and that he likewise be authorized to pay for the printing of the minutes of this session in THE ANNUAL of the Southern Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Granger expressed appreciation for the generous provision for the Deer Park Church in the approved report of the Plans Committee.

The Rev. Mr. Brickhouse expressed the thanks of the Bayside Church for the assistance of the Association in the establishment of the church.

A general discussion was held concerning the new churches at Deer Park and Bayside, and confidence was expressed in the future of these churches.

The president expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the

Association's officers and others during the past year and noted his conviction that the incoming president would receive similar help and cooperation.

Following prayer by the Rev. Mr. Grissom, the Association adjourned to meet for its sixty-fourth annual session at the Union (Southampton) Church, on Tuesday, December 6, 1955.

EARL T. FARRELL, *President.*
THOMAS H. BRITTON, *Secretary.*

REPORTS ADOPTED

EXHIBIT 1

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Antioch—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Berea (*Nansemond*)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies' Bible Class, $10; Mrs. H. P. Harrell, $5; R. T. Bradford, $10; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, $5; J. C. Matthews, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; the Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, $5. Total, $85.

Bethlehem (*Nansemond*)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; the Rev. R. E. Brittle, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; Ladies Star Class, $10; Mary Sue Brittle Class, $10; Junior Fidelis Class, $10; Richie E. Brittle Circle, $10; Barret Circle, $10; Staley Circle, 10; Intermediate Class, $10; Junior Sunday School Class, $10; Youth Fellowship, $10; Arthur Wilkins, $10; Mrs. Arthur Wilkins, $5; M. S. Harrell, $100; Mrs. A. C. Moore, $5; C. F. Savage, $10; Mrs. C. F. Savage, $5. Total, $265.

Burton's Grove—Sunday School, in memory of P. N. Gay, $10. Total, $10.

Cypress Chapel—Sunday School, $10; Woman's Bible Class, $10; Nettie Harrell Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; the Rev. Earl T. Farrell, $10; G. C. Mann, $10; H. T. Halleman, $10; William Wilkins, $10; Roy Brinkley, $10; W. C. Knight, $10; Earl Bunch, $10; F. E. Harrell, $10; J. C. Lynch, $10; Mrs. J. C. Lynch, $5; In honor of Tommy Ellis, $5; Edward Bains, $10; W. B. White, $10; J. E. Copeland, $10; Melvin Bunch, $10. Total, $180.

Dendron—Church, $10. Total, $10.

Franklin—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Carrie Beale Class, $10; Pilgrim Fellowship, $10; Men's Class, $10; L. R. Jones, $10; D. W. Jones, $10; the Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Carnes, $10; J. M. Beale, $10; R. C. Councill, $10; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Eley, $10; E. P. Jones, $10. Total, $130.

Great Bridge (*Berea*)—Church, $20; Sunday School, $15; Ladies Auxiliary, $10; Board of Deacons, $15; Men's Bible Class, $20; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Berean Class, $10; E. A. Eason, $10; Harvey Sullivan, $10; E. E. Waterfield, $10; Mrs. F. N. Hall, $5; Mrs. S. P. Frost, $5; Mrs. D. W. McLain, $5; Mrs. W. W. Warren, $5; Mrs. W. E. Smith, $5; the Rev. H. E. Crutchfield, $10. Total, $165.

Holland—Church, $25; Sunday School, $25; Men's Class, $10; Ladies' Class, $10; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Mrs. J. D. Rawles, $5; J. P. Dalton, $10; E. L. Daughtrey, $10. Total, $105.

Holy Neck—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; H. L. World, $10. Total, $40.

Hopewell—Sunday School, $10; Ladies Aid and Missionary Society, $10. Total, $20.

Liberty Spring—Church, $60 ($25 designated for Bayside Church, $25 designated for Deer Park Church, $10 for membership); Woman's Auxiliary, $40; Sunday School, $10; Friendship Bible Class, $10; A. H. Savage Bible Class, $10; R. E. Rogers Bible Class, $10; Bertie Johnson Bible Class, $10; Youth Fellowship, $10; Junior Missionary Society, $10; the Rev. Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, $10; G. O. O'Berry, $10; Joel E. Harrell, Sr., $10; Fulmer Eason, $10; R. E. Parker, $10;

Parke C. Brinkley, $10; R. Wesley Harrell, $10; R. E. Rogers, $10; G. R. Holland, $10; I. T. Byrd, $10; E. F. O'Berry, Sr., $10; Fermer Perry, $10; Joe Perry, $10; Zackey Perry, $10; J. S. Perry, $10: J. H. Turner, $10; N. W. Byrd, $10; William T. Harrell, $10; Alfred H. Ellis, $10; H. E. Savage, $10; G. W. Parker (Memorial for Mrs. Edna Parker), $5; Joe Savage (Memorial for Mrs. Mary Leigh Savage), $5; Mrs. G. O. O'Berry, $5; Betty Jean Oliver, $5; Mrs. R. E. Parker, $5; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, Sr., $5; Sue Harrell, $5; Mrs. Joel E. Harrell, Jr., $5; Mrs. James C. Lynch, $5; Kathryn Lynch, $5; Janet Lynch, $5; Mrs. R. Wesley Harrell, $5; Robert Wesley Harrell, Jr., $5; Richard Harrell, $5; Mrs. Thurman Copeland, $5; Mrs. F. F. Brinkley, $5; Mrs. Parke C. Brinkley, $5; Kaye Brinkley, $5; Dick Brinkley, $5; Mrs. L. T. Luter, Jr., $5; Mrs. William Lowe, $5; Mrs. Stanley Russell, $5; Mrs. Clarence Morgan, $5; Mrs. R E. Rogers, $5; Mrs. G. R. Holland, $5; Mrs. Evelyn Arnold, $5; Mrs. E. F. O'Berry, Sr., $5; Mrs. Fermer Perry, $5; Frank Perry, $5; Judy Perry, $5; Mrs. Joe Perry, $5; J. M. Perry, $5; Larry Perry, $5; Temple Perry, $5; Mrs. Zack Perry, $5; Jerry Perry, $5; Mrs. J. S. Perry, $5; Mrs. John Hayes, $5; Mrs. M. E. Copeland, $5; Mrs. L. F. Horton, $5; Mrs. Rudolph Badger, $5; Robert Perry, $5; Mrs. N. W. Byrd, $5; Mrs. William T. Harrell, $5; Miss Lizzie Harrell, $5; Mrs. Wesley Moore, $5, Mrs. Herman Bradshaw, $5; Mrs. W. L. Turner, $5; Mrs. J. W. Tidwell, $5; Mrs. Roscoe Harrell, $5; Mrs. Annie Byrd, $5; Miss Huntas Rawles, $5; Mrs. Luther Wilkins, $5; Mrs. Percy Harrell, $5; Mrs. J. Lewis Horton, $5; Mrs. Howard Rhodes, $5; Thomas Harrell, $5; Rosemary Joy Harrell, $5; Mrs. I. W. Johnson, $5; Mrs. Alfred H. Ellis, $5; Mrs. H. E. Savage, $5. Total, $675.

Mt. Carmel—Mrs. Lizzie Turner, $5; Mrs. E. W. Beale, $5; Mrs. Otis Joyner, $5; Miss Essie Johnson, $5; Mrs. Ellis N. Clarke, $5. Total, $25.

Mt. Zion—The Rev. Dr. I. W. Johnson, $10. Total, $10.

Newport News—Church, $70; Woman's Auxiliary, $40; Robert Lee House Bible Class, $10; Choir, $10; Sunday School, $20; Newman Bible Class, $10; Golden Rule Bible Class, $10; Annie Smith Bible Class, $10; Progressive Bible Class, $10; Jesse H. Dollar Class, $10; C. D. West, $10; W. B. Williams, $10; W. H. Baker, $10; Carson Coats, $10; C. E. Holland, $10; Board of Deacons, $10; The Rev. A. Lanson Granger, $10; Mrs. W. H. Baker, $5; Mrs. W. B. Baker, $5; Mrs. F. W. Vaughan, $5; Mrs. G. G. Givens, $5; Miss Grace Spivey, $5; Mrs. W. B. Williams, $5; Mrs. C. L. Pope, $5; Mrs. H. R. Byrd, $5; Miss Ketharine Harrell, $5; Mrs. H. D. Edwards, $5; Mrs. R. C. Luke, $5; Mrs. G. C. Hopkins, $5; Mrs. S. E. Holland, $5; Mrs. L. J. Brown, $5; Mrs. Edna R. Webb, $5; Mrs. F. F. Foster, $5; Mrs. C. L. Rountree, $5; Miss Nanncy Luke, $5; Mrs. S. A. Morgan, $5; Mrs. J. E. Rich, Jr., $5; Mrs. Rufus Powell, $5; Miss Shirley Lawson, $5; Memorial to Mrs. Laura Butler, $5; Mrs. Alice Tate Baker, $5; Mrs. E. T. Mason, $5; Mrs. Molly Harward (Given by the Molly Harward Circle), $5; Miss Sandra Cutchins, $5; Miss Shirley Boulds, $5; Mrs. Raymond Wheeler, $5; Mrs. Mary Brinkley Ashburn, $5; Mrs. R. L. Nottingham, Jr., $5; R. C. Luke, $10; L. L. Taylor, $10; Memorial to Dr. N. G. Newman, $10; W. W. Edmondson, $10; N. F. Freeman, $10; Memorial to Mrs. Selena Hancock (Given by Mr. Raymond Hancock), $5; Memorial to Mrs. O. H. Griggs (Given by O. C. Griggs), $5; Mrs. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., $5; Miss Nancy Tuck, $5; Mrs. Robert Allen, $5; Miss Barbara Brown, $5; Mrs. J. C. Todd, $5; Mrs. R. S. Williams, $5; Mrs. John F. Higginbotham, $5; Mrs. Richard Pollock, $5. Total, $525.

Bay View (Norfolk)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Kindergarten, $10; Women's Fellowship, $25; Men's Class, $10; W. S. Wise, $10; Mrs. J. W. Cline, $5; Mrs. B. C. Haskett, $5; Mrs. B. G. Harrell, $5; Mrs. W. E. Smalling, $5; W. M. Sydenstricker, $10. Total, $105.

Temple (Norfolk)—Fellowship Bible Class, $10; Templemen's Bible Class, $10; T. E. Brickhouse (50th year), $10; Memorial for Mrs. T. E. Brickhouse, $5; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Vaughan, Jr., $10; S. Ray Barrett, $10; Sunday School, $20; Mrs. L. W. Stagg, $5; Mrs. F. M. Brewer, $5; F. M. Brewer, $15; Robert H. Porter, $10; Woman's Council, $20; Dorcas-Twiddy Bible Class, $20; Church Current Expense Fund, $20; Church Benevolence Fund, $20; Mr. and Mrs. E. M.

Albright, $10; the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, $10; R. E. Brickhouse, $10; Mrs. R. E. Brickhouse, $5; A friend of the church, $5. Total, $230.

Little Creek—Church, $25; Missionary Society, $10; Young People's Meeting, $10; Young People's Class, $10; West Bible Class, $10; B. T. I. Class, $5; Intermediate Class, $5; Jr. Boys' Class, $5; Jr. Girls' Class, $5; Primary Class, $5; Beginners' Class, $5; Mrs. M. E. Taylor, $5. Total, $100.

Rosemont—Mrs. L. L. Milteer, $5; Mrs. William Phillips, $5; Mrs. J. S. Halstead, $5; Mrs. D. D. Johnson, $5; Mrs. John Swink, $5; Mrs. St. Clair Dudley, $5; Mrs. Royal Gallup, $5; Mrs. Fannie Herbert, $5; Mrs. W. H. Garrett, $5; Mrs. Mary Rowland, $5; Mrs. Ada Gladstone, $5; Miss Ruth Dunn, $5; A. P. Cafield, $10; E. H. Cuthrell, $10; L. L. Bondurant, $10; T. F. Liverman, $10; the Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dollar, $10; Betty Gibson Bible Class, $10; Young Ladies Bible Class, $10; Couples' Class, $10; Junior High Fellowship, $10; Senior High Fellowship, $10; Junior Fellowship, $10; Adult Men's Bible Class, $10; H. P. Morrison, $10; Maude Hedley Bible Class, $10; J. B. Gibson, Jr., $10; H. T. Bondurant, $10; W. M. Sparkman, $10; Young Men's Bible Class, $10; Young People's Bible Class, $10; Women's Missionary Society, $10. Total, $260.

Central (*Norfolk*)—Friendship Bible Class, $10; Men's Bible Class, $10; the Rev. and Mrs. J. Everette Neese, $10; Mrs. L. L. Winslow, $5. Total, $35.

Oakland (*Chuckatuck*)—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; I. W. Johnson Bible Class, $10; A. L. Wagner, $10; Mrs. Mildred G. Knight, $5; Mrs. P. D. Howell, Sr., $5; Woman's Auxiliary, $10; Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $10; C. W. Darden, $10; Mrs. C. C. Johnson, $5; Men's Bible Class, $10; Newman Bible Class, $10; Malbon E. Joyner, $10; O. W. Newman, $10; Loyal Fellowship Class, $10; Shelton Dailey, $10; Mrs. Mills E. Godwin, Jr., $5; Mrs. William Dailey, $5; Friendship Bible Class, $10; Henry Gayle Bradshaw, $10; the Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, $5. Total, $180.

Portsmouth, First—Church, $20; Sunday School, $20; Woman's Fellowship. $10; Fidelity Class, $10; Men's Class, $10; Reliable and Ellen Grimes Classes, $10; E. Whitley, $10; T. J. Hendrix, $10. Total, $100.

Shelton Memorial (*Portsmouth*)—Church, $10; Senior Woman's Guild, $10; Young Woman's Guild, $10; Mrs. Frank H. Lewis, $5; Mrs. Lyda V. Fleming, $5; the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Britton, $10. Total, $50.

Suffolk—Church, $20; Sunday School, $20; Woman's Fellowship, $50; Dr. D. L. Harrell Memorial, $20; West Memorial Bible Class, $20; Philathea Class, $20; Baraca Class, $30; Young Adult Class, $10; Mrs. J. V. Gatling, $5; Dr. N. G. Newman, $10; Mrs. N. G. Newman, $5; Floyd Turner, $10; Mrs. A. A. Turner, $5; Miss Jamie Felton, $5; the Rev. George D Alley, $10; Mrs. W. R. Savage, Jr., $5; A Friend, $5; Em H. Rawles, $5; E. H. Rawles, $10; Mrs. E. H. Rawles, $5; J. D. McClenny, $10; Mrs. J. D McClenny, $5; Miss Sussie Holland, $5; Mrs. W. V. Leathers, $5; Mrs. A. T. Holland, $5; Mrs. C. B. Duke, $5; Mrs. Annie Staley Calhoun, $5; Mrs. E. C. Luke, $5. Total, $315.

Damascus (*Sunbury*)—Primary Class, $5; J. C. Byrum, $10; G. E. Rountree, $10; J. M. Byrum, $10; Woman's Fellowship, $10; the Rev. T. Fred Wright, $10. Total, $55.

Union (*Southampton*)—Church, $20; Men's Class, $15; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Woman's Fellowship, $10; Nettie Blythe Circle, $10; Annie Drake Circle, $10; Gertrude Bradshaw Circle, $10; Mrs. Clyde Fields, $5. Total, $90.

Waverly—Church, $5. Total, $5.

Windsor—Church, $10; Sunday School, $10; Young Adult Class, $10; Ladies Bible Class, $10; Baraca Class, $10; Mrs. Jesse H. Gwaltney, $5; Mrs. J. M. Raby, $5; E. J. Brock, $10; Shirley T. Holland, $10; Mrs. Shirley T. Holland, $5. Total, $85.

Bayside—Church, $10; Woman's Fellowship Society, $10; the Rev. Ernest F. Brickhouse, $10. Total, $30.

Warwick (*Deer Park*)—Church. $10; Adult Sunday School Class, $10; Mrs. J. H. Booth, $5. Total, $25.

EXHIBIT 2

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Christian Missionary Association has carried on the business of the Association since adjournment of the 1953 annual meeting.

The following is a summary of the action taken by the committee:

1. Authorized the application of the sum of $1,000.00 toward the construction of an educational building at our Hopewell Church. This sum had been allocated to the Hopewell Church at the 1953 annual meeting, but had been designated for the purchase of a parsonage.

2. Authorized the application of the sum of $2,000.00 toward the purchase of a building lot by the new Bayside Congregational Christian Church, the funds to be supplied when requested by the church.

3. Authorized the application of the sum of $2,000.00 toward the purchase of a building lot by the new Deer Park Church, in Warwick, the funds to be supplied when requested by the church.

4. Formulated plans for the Sixty-third Annual Session of the Association and authorized the printing of leaflets decribing the work of the C. M. A. and outlining the program for the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. BRITTON, *Secretary.*

EXHIBIT 3

REPORTS OF CHURCHES AIDED

Bay View—Reported that a parsonage had been purchased with the help of funds from the C. M. A. General progress in the program of the church was noted. An expression of gratitude was made for the assistance of the Association.

Central -Reported that the relocation of Central Church would not have been possible without the assistance of the Association in the past. Growth in numbers and in activity was noted. No request for further aid from the Association is to be made this year.

Hopewell—Reported that plans are going forward with reference to the construction of an educational building. Other work is being done on the church property. The assistance of the Association is greatly appreciated.

Bayside—A lot has been purchased with the help of funds from the Association and plans for a building are being considered. The assistance of the C. M. A. has encouraged the new church and is appreciated.

Warwick—Progress has been made since the establishment of the church. Negotiations are under way with reference to the purchase of a lot. The interest of the C. M. A. in the Warwick Church is very gratifying.

EXHIBIT 4

TREASURER'S REPORT

DECEMBER 8, 1953, THROUGH DECEMBER 6, 1954

Balance on deposit, Farmers Bank of Windsor, Va., December 8, 1953	$3,341.34
Receipts	
Memberships from Individuals and Church Organizations	4,130.53
Total Receipts and Balance	$7,471.87

Disbursements

Bay View Church to apply on purchase of parsonage	$1,000.00	
Hopewell Church to supplement pastor's salary	300.00	
Central Church, Norfolk, to apply on parsonage debt	300.00	
For printing 1953 Minutes in THE ANNUAL	42.00	
Bayside Church on purchase of lot	2,000.00	
Total Disbursements		$3,642.00
Balance in Farmers Bank, Windsor, Va., December 6, 1954		$3,829.87

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. RAWLES, *Treasurer.*

EXHIBIT 5

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the election of the following officers for the coming year:

President—The Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr.
Vice-President—The Rev. Melvin Dollar.
Financial Secretary—The Rev. R. E. Brittle.
Recording Secretary—The Rev. Ernest Brickhouse.
Treasurer—The Rev. Harvey L. Carnes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. ALLEY, *Chairman,*
J. H. LIGHTBOURNE, JR.

EXHIBIT 6

REPORT OF THE PLANS COMMITTEE

1. Your Plans Committee recommends that we instruct the treasurer to pay the sum of $2,000.00 to the church at Warwick in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee.
2. It is further recommended that we instruct the treasurer to pay the sum of $1,000.00 to the Hopewell Church to be used for an educational building. (This sum was voted for Hopewell last year.)
3. We recommend the following new commitments:
   a. $2,000.00 on building lot for the church at Warwick, to be paid immediately.
   b. $1,500.00 to the church at Bayside on a building lot, to be paid immediately. (This in addition to the $2,000.00 which has been paid by the C. M. A. to Bayside during 1954.)
   c. $300.00 to the Hopewell Church, to apply on pastor's salary and to be paid quarterly.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE L. FIELDS, *Chairman,*
JESSE H. DOLLAR,
C. D. WEST,
MRS. OLIN PENDLETON.

EXHIBIT 7

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

This is to certify that I have this 6th day of December, 1954, audited the books of E. L. Rawles, Treasurer of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association, and find them correct.

The period of the audit is from December 8, 1953, to December 6, 1954, and shows receipts during this period of $4,130.53 with disbursements of $3,642.00. The balance as of December 8, 1953, was $3,341.34; and the balance as of this date,

December 6, 1954, is $3,829.87. The balance of $3,829.87 is on deposit in the Farmers Bank, Windsor, Virginia, which agrees with the bank balance.

Given under my hand this 6th day of December, 1954.

S. T. HOLLAND, *Auditor.*

EXHIBIT 8

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PLACE

We, the Committee on Place, are pleased to announce that an invitation has been received from Union (Southampton) Church, Hunterdale, suggesting that the 1955 annual session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Missionary Association be held at that church.

We recommend that the invitation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CLYDE FIELDS, *Chairman,*
MRS. WILLIAM T. HARRELL.

EXHIBIT 9

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following recommendations:

1. That we express our sincere appreciation to the pastor and members of Berea (Nansemond) Church for their warm welcome and hospitality throughout the day.

2. That we commend the retiring president and other officers of the Association for their excellent leadership and service during their terms of office.

3. That we commend the churches for their evangelistic concern shown in their liberal contributions.

4. That we commend the churches which received aid during the past year for their fine progress.

5. That we express our gratitude to the Rev. George D. Alley and the Rev. A. Lanson Granger, Jr., for their inspiring and stimulating addresses.

6. That we especially commend the pastors and people of the Congregational Christian Temple, in Norfolk, and the First Congregational Christian Church of Newport News for their successful efforts in establishing two new churches during the past year: Bayside and Deer Park, respectively.

7. That the officers of the Christian Missionary Association be authorized to proceed with efforts toward the establishing of any new church during the next year, should a suitable opportunity present itself, and that they cooperate with the Conference Home Missions Committee in seeking to discover opportunities for the establishment of new churches.

8. That any C. M. A. contributions received in the future and not included in today's report be reported in *The Christian Sun.*

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY L. CARNES, *Chairman,*
T. FRED WRIGHT,
MISS RUTH DUNN.

Minutes of the Twenty-Second Session of
THE NORTH CAROLINA & VIRGINIA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

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First Congregational Christian Church, Greensboro, N. C.
Tuesday, November 16, 1954

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Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and on motion adopted. (See Exhibit 1.)

The president called the association's attention to the first paragraph in the report of the Committee on Missions, which referred to the work done at Center Congregational Christian Church at South Boston, Virginia. Since the South Boston work was our project for the year, the reports coming from this church were most gratifying indeed. It was stated that the C. M. A. made a $2,000 investment in this project this year. This amount was applied to the purchase of lots which make up the building site and parsonage location. The president expressed, on behalf of the association, its joy in having had the privilege to share in such a stimulating and growing project. The pastor and people of this church are to be congratulated.

After discussing the amazing progress being made at South Boston, it was voted that we continue this project for another year. Also included in this motion was the setting of a goal of $1,000 for this work for this conference year (1954-55). This money is to be used wherever the church there feels that it is needed most.

Dr. William T. Scott suggested that we consider a "Builders Club" whose members would give $5,00, $10.00, or what ever amount they feel they could give, toward every "new church" project undertaken within the Conference. This would be a Conference-wide thing, and every person would be urged to join in these new church projects. After some discussion it was voted that the C. M. A. take this project under its wing and try to promote such a movement within our Conference this year.

Dr. Wisseman stated that the Greensboro Church included in its regular budget this year a fund from which such projects as these mentioned above would be helped. This is a good idea. Other churches would be wise in doing this same sort of thing.

The motion was made and voted that the same officers of the C. M. A. be re-elected for the year 1954-55. These officers are as follows: Kenneth D. Register, president; Dwight Jackson, vice-president; Mrs. W. E. Briggs, secretary and treasurer.

Afteer the election of officers the people of the Conference as a whole were given the opportunity to renew their memberships and new members

were invited to join. A large number of renewals and new memberships were subscribed.

KENNETH D. REGISTER, *President,*
DWIGHT JACKSON, *Vice-President,*
MRS. W. E. BRIGGS, *Secy-Treas.*

REPORTS

EXHIBIT 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury, November 11, 1953			$1,358.84
Receipts			
1953-1954 Memberships (125)		$ 625.00	
North Carolina and Virginia Conference (1954)		300.00	
			925.00
Total Receipts and Balance			$2,283.84
Disbursements			
12/ 2/53	Bank Charges	$ .94	
2/25/54	Miss Pattie Adams, Treas. South Boston Church	1,000.00	
4/25/54	Dr. W. T. Scott, Minctes for ANNUAL	24.00	
11/11/54	Mitchell Printing Co., Membership Cards	6.00	
11/12/54	Miss Pattie Adams, Treas., South Boston Church	1,000.00	
11/15/54	Mrs. W. E. Briggs, C. M. A. Treas, Postage	3.54	
Total Disbursements			2,034.48
Balance in Treasury, November 15, 1954			$ 249.36

MRS. W. E. BRIGGS, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX

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Statistical Tables—Ministers and Membership
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TABLE No. 1—MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR	Membership Reported Last Year	Received by Confession of Faith	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Number in Y. P. Organizations
1 Antioch	Ellis N. Clark	120	3	5	....	....	125	12	65	13
2 Bayside (Org. 1954)	Ernest F. Brickhouse	....	....	31	....	....	31	7	50	....
3 Barrett's	*James W. Madren	37	....	1	1	2	36	6	28	....
4 Berea, Nansemond	H. S. Hardcastle	216	13	13	2	4	227	18	190	18
5 Bethlehem, Disputanta	John Gallo	106	8	8	....	....	114	6	71	21
6 Bethlehem, Nansemond	R. E. Brittle	733	26	58	3	5	786	34	504	75
7 Burton's Grove	*James W. Madren	39	....	5	....	....	44	7	40	29
8 Centerville	J. E. McCauley	49	....	....	5	9	40	9	32	12
9 Cypress Chapel	†Earl T. Farrell	311	14	17	1	9	319	22	222	20
10 Dendron	*James W. Madren	28	6	8	1	1	35	9	41	14
11 Eure	R. E. Brittle	298	8	30	4	4	324	7	185	35
12 Franklin	Harvey L. Carnes	408	19	32	2	11	429	30	244	35
13 Great Bridge, Berea	H. E. Crutchfield	258	10	14	1	2	270	28	377	28
14 Holland	J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.	310	4	7	4	8	309	20	152	16
15 Holy Neck	R. T. Grisson (11-1-54)	301	21	28	1	4	325	24	259	35
16 Hopewell	‡James W. Madren	143	10	28	1	2	169	11	71	....
17 Isle of Wight	Ellis N. Clark	72	2	3	2	4	71	10	62	12
18 Johnson's Grove	Harvey L. Carnes	32	....	....	4	6	26	....	....	....
19 Liberty Spring	‡Jesse H. Dollar	361	4	9	5	16	354	37	239	30
20 Mt. Carmel	Ellis N. Clark	194	6	11	4	5	200	24	214	....
21 Mt. Zion	Thos. H. Britton (Sup.)	50	....	4	1	8	46	6	38	....
22 New Lebanon	J. E. McCauley	49	2	2	2	2	49	6	33	24
23 Newport News	A. Lanson Granger, Jr.	552	14	32	4	41	543	31	328	12
24 Norfolk, Bayview	Harry G. Titcombe	124	8	15	....	6	133	13	376	....
25 Central	J. Everette Neese	178	8	19	1	24	173	13	126	16
26 Christian Temple	W. Millard Stevens	848	8	26	6	34	840	22	438	60
27 First	Olin B. Pendleton	190	6	13	4	102	101	10	90	....
28 Little Creek	M. E. Taylor	82	10	10	1	9	83	11	156	....
29 Oak Grove	†Earl T. Farrell	71	2	2	1	1	72	6	64	16
30 Oakland	‡H. S. Hardcastle	442	6	10	7	10	442	19	360	25
31 Portsmouth, Elm Ave.	Clyde O. Koon	62	3	7	1	6	63	14	85	25
32 First	William P. Smith	230	2	14	2	6	238	20	150	10
33 Shelton Memorial	Thomas H. Britton	144	....	....	....	....	144	....	....	....
34 Richmond	Roy C. Helfenstein	188	7	12	4	34	166	15	90	15
35 South Norfolk	O. D. Poythress	640	42	52	10	26	666	63	557	....
36 So. Norfolk, Rosemont	Melvin Dollar	578	34	90	1	23	645	40	470	40
37 Spring Hill	J. E. McCauley	60	....	....	....	....	60	4	52	....
38 Suffolk	George D. Alley	1,280	18	49	3	11	1,318	65	826	80
39 Sunbury (Damascus)	T. Fred Wright	190	7	8	2	3	195	10	127	30
40 Union, Southampton	Clyde Fields	270	19	35	6	13	292	26	240	18
41 Union, Surry		21	....	....	....	....	21	5	23	....
42 Wakefield	*James W. Madren	106	1	8	1	3	111	13	134	12
43 Warwick (Org. 1954)	A. Lanson Granger, Jr.	....	2	42	....	....	42	....	....	....
44 Waverly	J. E. McCauley	218	2	2	2	14	206	16	138	15
45 Windsor	Ellis N. Clark	197	....	2	1	2	197	15	215	25
Totals		10,786	354	764	101	470	11,080	764	8,062	816

*Has accepted call to Hopewell.
†Has accepted call to Wake Chapel, effective March, 1955.
‡D. D. Nash, pastor emeritus, Hopewell; I. W. Johnson, Liberty Spring and Oakland.

TABLE No. 2—MEMBERSHIP—VIRGINIA VALLEY CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR	Membership Reported Last Year	Received by Confession of Faith	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Number in Y. P. Organizations
1 Antioch	E. J. Rohart	84	....	....	....	....	84	9	74	35
2 Bethel	H. V. Harman	212	14	19	2	5	226	14	159	60
3 Bethlehem	Ralph Galt	106	8	13	2	2	117	20	133	18
4 Beulah	E. J. Rohart	15	....	....	....	....	15	....	....	....
5 Concord	Ralph Galt	30	....	....	....	1	29	6	22	....
6 Dry Run	R. E. Newton	96	....	....	....	....	96	6	36	....
7 Joppa	R. E. Newton	29	....	....	....	....	29	....	....	....
8 Leaksville	R. E. Newton	186	9	11	4	60	137	11	82	18
9 Linville	E. J. Rohart	105	....	....	5	8	97	7	112	10
10 Mayland	E. J. Rohart	42	9	11	....	1	52	9	91	10
11 Mt. Lebanon	R. E. Newton	128	14	15	1	1	142	11	90	....
12 Mt. Olivet (G)	H. V. Harman	136	....	....	2	2	134	14	76	....
13 Mt. Olivet (R)	H. V. Harman	150	10	17	3	5	162	10	120	20
14 New Hope	E. J. Rohart	62	....	....	....	....	62	7	43	....
15 Newport	R. E. Newton	225	3	3	2	2	226	20	129	12
16 Oak Dale	.....	132	....	....	....	....	132	....	....	....
17 Palmyra	Ralph Galt	93	....	....	1	1	92	8	26	8
18 Timber Ridge	Cameron D. Hayes	226	3	9	2	70	165	14	46	24
19 Winchester	Robert A. Whitten	391	6	9	3	14	386	36	167	30
20 Wissler's Chapel	Ralph Galt	81	3	4	....	....	85	7	28	25
21 Woods Chapel	Ralph Galt	113	....	....	....	....	113	10	65	25
Totals	.....	2,642	79	111	27	172	2,581	219	1,499	295

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TABLE No. 3—MEMBERSHIP—EASTERN N. C. CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR	Membership Reported Last Year	Received by Confession of Faith	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Number in Y. P. Organizations
1 Amelia	Thomas W. Madren	196	5	9	1	2	203	14	189	51
2 Antioch	W. A. Rich (No report)	105	....	....	....	....	105	....	....	....
3 Auburn	W. Clay Farrell	155	1	3	....	4	154	19	123	10
4 Bethel	J. L. Johnson (No Rpt.)	22	....	....	....	....	22	....	....	....
5 Bethlehem	W. A. Rich	79	....	....	....	1	78	8	40	....
6 Beulah	R. E. Tally	173	1	2	2	10	165	11	180	....
7 Catawba Springs	Vacant (No report)	244	....	....	....	....	244	....	....	....
8 Chapel Hill	Richard L. Jackson	140	3	37	....	24	153	18	105	9
9 Christian Chapel	C. J. Dixon (Licentiate)	122	14	24	2	5	141	6	78	....
10 Christian Light	G. M. Tally	202	....	....	....	5	197	9	126	....
11 Clayton	J. L. Atkins (Baptist)	51	....	98	1	3	146	26	143	20
12 Damascus	E. M. Powell	64	4	7	1	3	68	7	50	....
13 Ebenezer	W. Clay Farrell	247	7	11	....	1	257	12	202	20
14 Fayetteville	Carl Wallace	50	11	55	....	9	96	9	145	....
15 Fuller's Chapel	E. M. Carter	165	....	....	3	4	161	15	135	15
16 Good Hope	E. M. Carter	95	....	2	....	....	97	5	55	....
17 Hayes Chapel	W. Clay Farrell	74	4	12	....	2	84	10	109	....
18 Henderson	J. Frank Apple	376	13	23	2	9	390	14	226	42
19 Hope Mills	Carl Wallace	30	4	18	....	....	48	....	....	....
20 Lebanon	Carl J. Dixon (Lic.)	42	....	....	....	7	35	....	....	....
21 Lee's Chapel	Bill Simmons	66	8	20	1	1	85	9	85	....
22 Liberty, Vance	Wm. A. Grissom	361	7	19	2	7	373	33	301	60
23 Martha's Chapel	J. R. Bennett (Student)	60	5	7	....	1	66	5	52	....
24 Moore Union	Carl J. Dixon (Lic.)	107	1	2	2	2	107	5	50	....
25 Morrisville	J. R. Bennett (Student.)	60	1	3	....	....	63	9	62	....
26 Mt. Auburn	W. A. Rich (No report)	153	....	....	....	....	153	....	....	....
27 Mt. Carmel	....	128	4	5	1	2	131	8	71	....
28 Mt. Gilead	(No report)	156	....	....	....	....	156	....	....	....
29 Mt. Hermon	E. M. Carter	112	4	6	1	1	117	9	87	29
30 New Elam	E. M. Powell	265	....	2	....	....	267	8	88	....
31 New Hope	R. E. Tally	213	8	22	3	10	225	10	153	40
32 Niagara	E. Carl Brady	40	....	....	....	15	25	3	23	....
33 Oak Level	E. M. Powell	127	1	3	....	....	130	8	115	....
34 O'Kelly's Chapel	Vacant (No report)	22	....	....	....	....	22	....	....	....
35 Piney Plain	G. M. Tally	111	5	12	2	4	119	21	149	....
36 Pleasant Hill	G. M. Tally	48	....	....	....	1	47	7	66	....
37 Pleasant Union	Vacant (No report)	139	....	....	....	....	139	....	....	....
38 Plymouth	Thomas W. Madren	105	2	2	1	7	100	20	130	....
39 Pope's Chapel	E. M. Powell	101	....	1	3	4	98	8	112	....
40 Raleigh	Gaylord B. Noyce	213	3	17	2	27	203	20	115	....
41 Sanford	W. B. O'Neill	253	4	6	2	3	256	21	221	20
42 Shallow Well	G. J. Rice (Local Ord.)	270	25	46	2	5	311	14	316	22
43 Six Forks	Vacant (No report)	23	....	....	....	....	23	....	....	....
44 Southern Pines	Wofford C. Timmons	219	6	38	1	12	245	16	147	26
45 Turner's Chapel	Bill Simmons	128	2	4	....	2	130	10	153	15
46 Wake Chapel	E. T. Farrell (3-1-55)	347	8	17	2	6	358	26	274	35
47 Wentworth	W. Clay Farrell	149	10	11	....	3	157	....	....	....
48 Youngsville	E. M. Carter	48	3	4	1	1	51	8	55	....
Totals	....	6,656	174	548	38	203	7,001	461	4,731	414

TABLE No. 4—MEMBERSHIP—WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR	Membership Reported Last Year	Received by Confession of Faith	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Number in Y. P. Organizations
1 Albemarle	S. E. Madren	275	7	8	1	10	273	18	216	25
2 Antioch (C)	Vacant	128	....	1	4	5	124	8	94	....
3 Antioch (R)	J. T. Bowers (Lo. ord.)	111	5	6	2	4	113	9	144	22
4 Asheboro	F. C. Lester	163	5	10	3	6	167	32	271	21
5 Bailey's Grove	L. M. Presnell	27	2	3	1	3	27	6	80	....
6 Bennett	J. U. Fogleman	31	....	....	....	11	20	6	39	....
7 Big Oak	.....	58	....	....	....	....	58	....	100	....
8 Biscoe	Vacant (No report)	21	....	....	....	....	21	....	.....	....
9 Brown's Chapel	H. V. Cox	198	4	4	1	5	197	9	100	....
10 Center Grove	Vacant	8	....	....	....	....	8	....	25	....
11 Ether	Rosser Lee Clapp	77	9	9	....	....	86	6	57	....
12 Flint Hill (M)	.....	67	1	1	2	2	66	4	44	....
13 Flint Hill (R)	Avery Brown (Lic.)	48	....	....	1	1	47	7	40	....
14 Grace's Chapel	W. Clay Farrell	182	....	1	2	11	172	11	261	20
15 Hank's Chapel	Bill Simmons	245	8	17	1	3	259	20	200	....
16 High Point	Gayle Brafy (Student)	68	10	10	1	1	77	11	136	11
17 Liberty	L. M. Presnell	78	5	6	1	2	82	7	127	12
18 Mt. Pleasant	G. M. Tally	89	1	2	....	1	90	9	89	....
19 Needham's Grove	M. L. Fogleman (L.O.)	156	2	8	....	3	161	....	156	....
20 New Center	Vacant	57	....	....	....	3	54	6	86	....
21 Park's Cross Roads	Vacant (No report)	212	....	....	....	....	212	....	.....	....
22 Patterson's Grove	Vacant (No report)	23	....	....	....	....	23	....	.....	....
23 Pleasant Cross	M. L. Fogleman (L.O.)	64	4	4	....	1	67	7	80	30
24 Pleasant Grove	.....	262	4	4	3	4	262	11	211	50
25 Pleasant Hill	M. A. Pollard	285	4	5	1	2	288	15	431	....
26 Pleasant Ridge	Max Vestal	184	7	12	1	1	195	27	183	31
27 Pleasant Union	B. H. Lowdermilk	45	....	....	....	....	45	8	130	30
28 Providence Chapel	J. U. Fogleman	11	....	11	1	1	21	9	82	....
29 Ramseur	Gene Thomas (Lic.)	120	18	19	1	2	137	15	166	25
30 Randleman	Winfred Bray	63	6	6	1	1	68	7	135	32
31 Seagrove	Rosser Lee Clapp	105	6	6	....	....	111	....	66	....
32 Shady Grove	Rosser Lee Clapp	91	4	4	1	1	94	6	71	25
33 Shiloh	J. T. Bowers (L. ord.)	99	....	....	1	8	91	7	78	....
34 Smithwood	J. T. Bowers (Lo. ord.)	130	....	....	1	1	129	10	195	20
35 Sophia	Avery Brown (Lic.)	75	2	4	....	....	79	14	120	....
36 Spoon's Chapel	Max Vestal	42	8	10	....	....	52	11	82	14
37 Union Grove	Avery Brown (Lic.)	109	3	7	1	4	112	26	144	....
38 Zion	W. C. Farrell	162	12	17	6	6	173	10	138	....
Totals	.....	4,169	137	195	38	103	4,261	352	4,577	357

TABLE No. 5—MEMBERSHIP—N. C. & VA. CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	PASTOR	Membership Reported Last Year	Received by Confession of Faith	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Number in Y. P. Organizations
1 Apple's Chapel	B. A. Leebrick (1-1-55)	483	9	14	3	18	479	15	306	25
2 Asheville, First	Frank E. Ratzell	123	2	21	1	1	143	8	60	8
3 Belew Creek		89	2	3	....	5	87	16	98	....
4 Berea	Reuben Askew (Stud)	115	2	2	1	55	62	8	100	....
5 Bethel	Thomas D. Sutton	149	13	17	....	....	166	8	98	60
6 Bethlehem	G. C. Crutchfield	373	10	12	1	7	378	19	243	59
Burlington:										
7 Beverly Hills	Walstein W. Snyder	102	14	56	1	7	151	18	191	14
8 First	Henry E. Robinson	852	17	43	4	345	550	46	626	50
9 Lakeview	G. H. Veazey (1-1-55)	34	4	7	....	....	41	10	123	18
10 Carolina	Glenn Garrett (Stud.)	88	4	6	1	1	93	10	192	15
11 Concord	Thomas D. Sutton	123	1	7	1	3	127	8	68	24
12 Danville, Third Ave.	W. Walter Hall	1,048	18	29	9	547	530	55	985	70
13 Durham, First	W. T. Scott, Jr. (12-1-54)	392	2	10	4	17	385	23	219	44
14 Elk Spur	Gene Thomas (Licen.)	61	....	....	1	16	45	7	57	....
15 Elon College	W. J. Andes	309	1	18	2	53	274	40	256	30
16 Gibsonville	J. L. Stanley (Lo. ord.)	214	....	1	1	5	210	9	199	20
17 Graham-Prov. Mem.	F. E. Reynolds	106	2	2	....	1	107	12	135	....
18 Greensboro, Calvary	Thurman F. Bowers	149	2	4	....	26	127	9	71	18
19 First	W. E. Wisseman	517	22	50	2	20	547	38	453	50
20 Palm Street	M. V. Welch	222	14	22	....	8	236	12	241	13
21 Happy Home	Thurman F. Bowers	305	16	18	1	5	318	9	180	27
22 Haw River	Dwight O. Jackson	158	4	4	2	7	155	8	258	25
23 Hebron	David W. Shepherd	89	....	2	....	4	87	6	66	....
24 Hendersonville	C. M. Heymann	40	....	24	1	2	62	....	....	....
25 Hines Chapel	J. P. Littiken (Licen.)	152	22	35	6	11	176	16	157	25
26 Hopedale	J. H. Loman (Lo. ord.)	158	2	8	....	8	158	13	183	....
27 Howard's Chapel	J. Harold Loman (L.O.)	42	6	11	....	....	53	4	64	....
28 Ingram	W. T. Madren	181	3	3	1	23	161	10	84	....
29 Kallam Grove	C. Fred Allred	80	11	11	3	5	86	7	67	....
30 Lebanon	B. A. Leebrick (to 1-1-55)	145	....	....	1	5	140	10	70	....
31 Liberty	W. T. Madren	229	6	6	....	8	227	8	122	20
32 Long's Chapel	W. M. Loy	134	32	42	1	3	173	14	140	20
33 Lynchburg, Covenant	I Stubbs & B. Cosby	....	....	7	....	....	7	....	....	....
34 Mebane		17	2	3	....	1	19	5	35	....
35 Monticello	Wm. R. Mueller	120	4	7	2	4	123	10	135	18
36 Mt. Bethel	C. Fred Allred	85	9	11	2	4	92	8	100	25
37 Mt. Zion	Thomas D. Sutton	163	1	1	1	4	160	11	70	20
38 New Lebanon	C. Fred Allred	197	10	10	3	11	196	10	191	....
39 Pfafftown Community	J. R. Lackey (1-1-55)	55	7	10	....	1	64	7	47	15
40 Pleasant Grove	W. T. Madren	248	12	16	2	17	247	18	148	....
41 Pleasant Ridge	W. E. Wisseman	58	1	5	1	17	46	16	72	....
42 Reidsville	T. G. Humphries	719	15	27	4	5	741	40	527	40
43 Rocky Ford	Gene Thomas (Licen.)	73	....	....	....	4	69	4	....	....
44 Salem Chapel		115	....	1	2	4	112	8	74	20
45 Shallow Ford	Richard M. Petersen	241	2	4	....	10	235	12	206	8
46 South Boston, Center	Mark W. Andes	....	4	50	....	....	50	21	69	....
47 Tryon, Ch. of Christ	Orville H. White	301	3	14	4	19	296	18	135	....
48 Union, N. C.	Kenneth D. Register	328	3	12	2	17	323	31	240	63
49 Union, Virginia	David W. Shepherd	498	3	10	6	16	492	10	190	32
50 Winston-Salem	J. R. Lackey (1-1-55)	120	7	17	....	3	134	15	121	....
51 Zion	Garland Bennett (Stu.)	36	1	4	....	....	40	7	93	....
Totals		10,636	325	697	77	1353	9,980	727	8,565	867

TABLE No. 6-A—FINANCE—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Conference Home Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	Nat. Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Total Paid for Apportionments
1 *Antioch	$ 30	$ 52	$ 62	$ 16	$ 69	$ 9	$ 4	$ 7	$ 5	$ 1	0$ 5	$ 27	$ 30	$ 326
2 Bayside (Organized 1954)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 *Barrett's	13	6	20	11	15	6	5	5	5	5	2	11	10	114
4 *Berea, Nansemond	127	113	73	53	158	16	18	12	15	25	4	83	119	816
5 *Bethlehem, Disputanta	66	15	26	13	38	16	6	12	5	5	4	23	25	254
6 *Bethlehem, Nansemond	193	619	190	80	195	55	18	42	15	50	15	140	139	1,750
7 *Burton's Grove	18	10	10	11	31	3	5	2	5	5	1	11	15	127
8 *Centerville	12	6	15	10	15	5	5	4	5	5	2	10	10	104
9 *Cypress Chapel	112	151	115	44	142	29	15	22	15	50	11	98	112	916
10 *Dendron	16	121	15	10	15	3	3	2	3	2	1	14	14	219
11 *Eure	37	70	54	11	94	21	11	16	10	10	10	33	39	416
12 *Franklin	212	150	245	66	322	29	15	22	15	75	12	187	321	1,671
13 *Great Bridge (Berea)	101	228	42	58	171	20	16	16	15	35	5	88	119	914
14 *Holland	192	550	224	52	345	31	9	25	10	75	12	169	170	1,864
15 *Holy Neck	90	315	140	45	234	26	10	20	10	25	9	79	72	1,075
16 *Hopewell	22	14	10	11	15	13	5	8	5	4	6	19	17	149
17 *Isle of Wight	24	30	75	11	63	6	10	5	10	10	2	21	30	297
18 *Johnson's Grove	26	15	10	11	15	6	5	5	5	3	2	14	23	140
19 *Liberty Spring	158	384	268	53	249	45	23	33	15	40	12	119	144	1,543
20 *Mount Carmel	100	142	105	44	161	19	15	15	15	35	7	88	102	848
21 *Mount Zion	13	6	15	11	15	5	5	4	5	5	2	11	10	107
22 *New Lebanon	34	32	30	11	46	6	10	5	10	10	2	30	30	256
23 *Newport News	366	519	400	120	502	39	25	30	25	100	15	299	443	2,883
24 *Norfolk—Bay View	30	56	40	11	63	6	10	5	10	5	4	27	30	297
25 * Central	54	69	94	13	107	11	6	8	10	30	3	48	49	502
26 * Christian Temple	638	320	850	132	1,150	104	35	80	35	100	31	561	672	4,708
27 * First	61	222	105	30	155	20	8	16	10	35	9	54	114	839
28 * Little Creek	13	30	5	5	15	6	2	5	2	2	1	12	14	112
29 *Oak Grove	32	18	45	8	58	7	4	6	5	10	3	30	35	261
30 *Oakland	146	164	176	47	212	45	14	35	15	35	10	113	170	1,182
31 *Portsmouth—Elm Ave.	55	45	28	12	53	10	3	7	5	30	3	49	54	354
32 * First	144	161	185	44	224	13	10	10	10	35	6	126	142	1,110
33 * Shelton Memorial	40	28	17	26	76	7	11	6	10	5	3	35	36	300
34 *Richmond	100	226	185	22	161	13	15	10	15	35	5	88	148	1,023
35 *South Norfolk	301	445	266	51	314	64	17	46	15	60	20	162	315	2,076
36 *Rosemont	338	860	480	90	512	39	25	30	25	80	14	297	429	3,219
37 *Spring Hill	35	39	35	11	63	6	5	5	5	10	2	27	37	280
38 *Suffolk	637	737	906	157	1,150	123	38	85	40	300	43	560	647	5,423
39 *Sunbury (Damascus)	51	63	75	11	96	16	10	12	10	15	5	45	41	450
40 *Union, Southampton	59	74	77	11	79	15	21	10	20	15	5	51	63	500
41 *Union, Surry	26	107	20	11	15	4	5	3	5	5	2	16	26	245
42 *Wakefield	42	35	60	22	63	12	5	9	5	10	4	37	44	348
43 Warwick (Organized 1954)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
44 *Waverly	106	72	215	22	257	19	15	15	10	25	5	94	122	977
45 *Windsor	100	230	173	22	127	12	15	9	15	30	4	73	109	919
Totals	$4,969	$7,549	$6,181	$1,510	$7,860	$960	$512	$724	$500	$1,456	$323	$4,079	$5,291	$ 41,914

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

TABLE No. 6-B—FINANCE—

NAME OF CHURCH	Christian Missionary Association	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Building and Loan Fund	Orphanage Special	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences
1 *Antioch	$ 10	$ 110	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 Bayside (Organized 1954)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3 *Barrett's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 *Berea, Nansemond	100	.....	$ 441	.....	$ 27	$ 676
5 *Bethlehem, Disputanta	.....	76	250	.....	15	45
6 *Bethlehem, Nansemond	135	.....	510	$ 83	.....	1,096
7 *Burton's Grove	10	6	.....	7	.....	17
8 *Centerville	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
9 *Cypress Chapel	160	.....	.....	7	13	626
10 *Dendron	10	30	.....	.....	.....	56
11 *Eure	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
12 *Franklin	85	375	1,200	47	15	.....
13 *Great Bridge (Berea)	150	275	500	10	.....	205
14 *Holland	105	325	150	10	36	400
15 *Holy Neck	65	301	106	.....	.....	172
16 *Hopewell	10	.....	87	.....	15	.....
17 *Isle of Wight	10	45	50	.....	10	110
18 *Johnson's Grove	.....	34	34	23	.....	.....
19 *Liberty Spring	630	370	1,591	50	56	1,253
20 *Mount Carmel	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
21 *Mount Zion	50	53	.....	35	.....	440
22 *New Lebanon	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....
23 *Newport News	460	275	1,360	49	127	1,267
24 *Norfolk—Bay View	85	.....	274	117	.....	.....
25 * Central	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	362
26 * Christian Temple	220	854	.....	75	.....	639
27 * First	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
28 * Little Creek	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29 *Oak Grove	10	.....	176	15	.....	73
30 *Oakland	190	450	400	.....	93	63
31 *Portsmouth—Elm Ave	40	.....	400	.....	.....	370
32 * First	130	.....	.....	25	.....	5
33 *Shelton Memorial	50	.....	100	35	58	.....
34 *Richmond	.....	168	400	.....	26	1,000
35 *South Norfolk	.....	.....	.....	75	45	938
36 *Rosemont	600	528	.....	70	.....	284
37 *Spring Hill	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
38 *Suffolk	230	25	2,100	441	.....	140
39 *Sunbury (Damascus)	55	.....	388	50	.....	15
40 *Union, Southampton	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
41 *Union, Surry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
42 *Wakefield	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....
43 Warwick (Organized 1954)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
44 *Waverly	110	70	.....	.....	69	328
45 *Windsor	85	150	125	28	33	35
Totals	$8,020	$4,610	$ 10,692	$1,255	$ 667	$ 10,850

EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Raised for Woman's Conference	Total Raised for Missions and Benev.	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Raised fos Current Expenses	Amount Paid on New Building	Amount Paid on zmprovements	Paid on Indebtedness	Total Local Expenses	Grand Total for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
$ 103	$ 549	$ 650	$ 1,061	.....	.....	.....	$ 1,061	$ 1,610	$ 5,000	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	114	400	767	.....	.....	.....	767	881	5,000	.....
304	2,364	1,950	4,565	$ 7,500	.....	.....	12,065	14,429	80,000	.....
20	660	1,800	2,203	117	$ 645	.....	2,965	3,625	8,500	.....
634	4,208	3,600	8,497	14,340	.....	.....	25,837	27,045	51,000	$ 6,000
23	190	400	455	.....	195	.....	650	840	6,000	.....
.....	114	168	276	.....	.....	.....	276	390	1,500	.....
335	2,057	3,400	5,200	.....	.....	$ 2,018	7,218	9,275	42,500	.....
114	429	532	973	.....	.....	.....	973	1,402	3,000	.....
123	564	900	1,521	1,352	.....	.....	2,873	3,437	5,500	.....
527	3,920	4,000	8,034	.....	.....	1,900	9,954	13,874	120,000	2,480
130	2,184	3,640	7,177	328	760	.....	8,585	10,469	90,000	.....
342	3,232	3,800	7,180	347	.....	.....	7,527	10,759	105,000	1,500
438	2,157	2,725	4,565	560	.....	.....	5,125	7,282	37,000	.....
45	306	2,300	3,773	789	.....	.....	4,562	4,868	2,300	500
130	652	700	1,749	.....	.....	.....	1,749	2,401	25,000	.....
82	313	200	434	.....	.....	.....	434	747	2,000	.....
616	6,109	3,300	7,383	488	125	.....	8,006	14,115	75,000	.....
220	1,298	1,050	2,025	12,418	309	.....	14,752	16,050	20,000	4,500
114	799	525	1,366	333	400	.....	2,099	2,898	10,000	.....
26	295	315	382	.....	.....	.....	382	677	5,000	.....
370	6,789	4,500	13,155	.....	22	2,058	15,235	22,024	232,200	2,380
185	958	2,300	5,344	.....	.....	1,016	6,360	7,318	53,500	15,500
151	1,065	4,500	7,145	.....	133	3,475	10,753	11,818	85,000	22,730
567	7,063	5,600	24,511	.....	.....	4,659	29,170	36,233	520,600	6,200
72	961	3,600	6,700	.....	.....	.....	6,700	7,661	56,000	.....
125	337	2,420	3,468	831	122	.....	4,421	4,758	12,000	.....
77	612	240	410	83	.....	.....	493	1,105	5,500	.....
395	2,773	2,000	7,438	12,678	.....	.....	20,116	22,889	92,000	.....
51	1,215	5,120	5,609	.....	.....	.....	5,609	6,824	25,000	.....
223	1,493	3,600	9,364	273	.....	.....	9,637	11,130	133,500	3,500
160	703	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	703	26,000	.....
86	2,703	4,080	10,025	6,500	.....	.....	16,525	19,228	305,000	.....
460	3,594	4,680	13,694	14,000	.....	.....	27,694	31,288	301,000	8,000
544	5,245	4,600	13,375	65,000	.....	.....	78,375	83,620	150,000	50,000
55	340	180	438	.....	.....	.....	438	778	5,000	.....
1,368	9,717	4,000	29,166	.....	.....	9,000	38,166	47,883	408,000	21,000
180	1,138	2,600	3,759	.....	.....	230	3,987	5,127	38,000	1,340
299	864	4,000	6,608	3,500	200	3,000	13,308	14,172	85,000	5,000
.....	245	180	212	.....	.....	.....	212	457	4,000	.....
123	561	1,650	3,550	.....	.....	1,795	5,345	5,906	36,000	6,400
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
145	1,699	2,220	3,992	2,378	7,971	110	14,451	16,150	35,000	.....
311	1,686	1,100	3,800	.....	.....	4,800	8,600	10,286	77,000	2,600
$ 10,273	$ 84,275	$ 97,525	$241,369	$143,815	$ 10,892	$ 34,08$	$430,157	$514,432	$3,484,600	$159,630

TABLE No. 7—FINANCE—VIRGINIA

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Christian Sun	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Conference Fund	Nat. Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Total Paid for Apportionments	Christian Missionary Association
1 *Antioch	$ 132	$ 100	$ 85	$ 29	$ 163	$ 10	$ 12	$ 5	$ 81	$ 103	$ 72	$ 792	$ 27
2 *Bethel	63	67	102	24	128	19	13	9	71	71	54	621	2
3 *Bethlehem	75	67	114	44	128	9	10	5	70	63	58	643	41
4 *Beulah	9	6	6	2	10	3	1	1	8	8	9	63	.....
5 Concord	14	11	11	30	20	6	4	3	34	12	11	156	7
6 Dry Run	35	23	42	11	50	9	4	4	42	28	21	274	.....
7 Joppa	11	9	9	3	9	4	2	1	13	10	11	82	.....
8 Leaksville	101	79	11	.....	144	.....	14	.....	130	.....	57	536	15
9 *Linville	153	106	90	28	153	19	14	10	119	86	102	880	7
10 Mayland	5	6	4	1	8	1	1	1	65	5	3	100	.....
11 Mt. Lebanon	29	23	23	9	40	7	6	8	33	15	22	215	.....
12 *Mt. Olivet (G)	38	33	33	11	63	13	5	7	60	33	44	340	.....
13 *Mt. Olivet (R)	29	24	24	9	48	13	5	8	79	25	40	304	.....
14 *New Hope	43	33	33	12	59	6	4	3	42	32	38	305	22
15 *Newport	87	346	109	27	153	18	12	9	94	76	44	975	.....
16 Oak Dale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17 Palmyra	8	9	6	3	14	10	3	3	29	7	7	99	.....
18 Timber Ridge	77	66	66	22	93	.....	.....	.....	99	.....	65	488	15
19 *Winchester	127	110	100	61	353	30	17	15	186	111	434	1,544	35
20 *Wissler's Chapel	28	21	21	20	40	5	4	3	27	25	14	208	.....
21 *Woods Chapel	27	25	19	21	31	9	4	4	34	24	14	212	7
Totals	$1,091	$1,169	$ 908	$ 367	$1,707	$ 191	$ 135	$ 99	$1,316	$ 734	$1,120	$ 8,837	$ †261

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.
†Includes C. M. A. Special Offering.

VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Orphanage Special	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Building and Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conference	Total Raised for Missions and Benev.	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Raised for Current Expenses	Paid on New Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Indebtedness	Total Local Expenses	Grand Total for All Purposes	*Has Parsonage	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
....	.....	$ 127	$ 34	$ 328	$ 185	$ 1,493	$ 702	$ 1,007	$ 125	.....	$ 1,132	$ 2,625	$	10,000	.....
$ 22	.....	126	....	10	143	924	900	1,350	2,722	$ 300	4,372	5,296	*	25,000	.....
4	$ 22	53	23	.....	37	823	1,200	1,953	329	2,500	4,773	5,596	*	31,000	$ 7,000
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	63	75	75	.....	.....	75	138		2,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	163	458	649	.....	.....	649	812		5,400	.....
....	.....	44	....	.....	32	350	368	383	.....	.....	383	733		8,000	.....
....	.....	13	9	.....	.....	104	205	255	.....	.....	255	359		2,000	.....
....	25	182	27	116	175	1,076	1,100	1,397	.....	.....	1,397	2,473	*	11,500	.....
....	35	.....	36	.....	176	1,134	800	1,145	250	.....	1,395	2,529		10,800	.....
....	.....	.....	....	10	.....	110	600	860	.....	400	1,260	1,370		10,000	.....
....	.....	106	10	41	.....	372	.....	100	6,262	.....	6,362	6,734		10,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	39	10	389	725	981	773	520	2,274	2,663		10,000	500
....	.....	.....	19	.....	25	348	916	1,723	33	.....	1,756	2,104		15,000	.....
....	.....	.....	17	95	92	531	450	588	114	.....	702	1,233		5,000	.....
....	.....	155	....	.....	45	1,175	900	1,167	315	.....	1,482	2,657		8,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		.....	.....
....	.....	.....	....	22	.....	121	500	764	34	.....	798	919		12,000	.....
....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	518	1,040	1,748	1,022	400	3,170	3,688	*	25,000	700
20	.....	200	....	348	235	2,382	3,000	6,759	4,000	950	11,709	14,091	*	80,000	2,500
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	208	360	464	135	200	799	1,007		5,100	350
....	.....	.....	....	41	143	403	500	819	.....	.....	819	1,222		3,400	.....
$ 46	$ 82	$1,006	$190	$1,050	$1,298	$ 12,770	$ 14,799	$ 24,187	$ 16,105	$ 5,270	$ 45,562	$ 58,332	$	289,700	$ 11,050

TABLE No. 8—FINANCE—EASTERN

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Nat. Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Total Paid for Apportionments
1 *Amelia	$ 22	$ 22	$22	$ 7	$ 52	$ 10	$ 4	$ 3	$ 31	$ 19	$ 21	$ 213
2 *Antioch	25	17	17	7	36	10	4	2	24	11	25	178
3 Auburn	131	246	.....	14	40	.....	7	.....	25	36	131	630
4 Bethel	.....	167	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	177
5 *Bethlehem	9	6	6	3	33	8	2	2	15	8	9	101
6 *Beulah	22	19	18	7	52	29	2	3	52	19	21	244
7 Catawba Springs	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85
8 *Chapel Hill	30	34	34	11	69	5	6	5	23	26	70	313
9 Christian Chapel	6	6	4	1	10	2	1	1	.....	3	6	40
10 Christian Light	34	45	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	32	200
11 *Clayton	27	33	33	11	61	13	4	4	13	24	100	323
12 Damascus	31	29	29	9	61	9	2	4	.....	23	30	227
13 Ebenezer	.....	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111
14 *Fayetteville	23	47	25	15	52	3	3	5	10	20	18	221
15 *Fuller's Chapel	27	43	33	9	69	12	5	4	60	24	27	313
16 *Good Hope	19	18	18	7	42	10	3	3	20	16	18	174
17 Hayes Chapel	15	18	9	3	35	6	2	2	16	16	18	140
18 *Henderson	75	325	94	20	100	25	9	10	61	42	63	824
19 *Hope Mills	24	28	28	9	42	4	2	3	12	21	24	197
20 Lebanon	5	18	5	5	15	4	2	2	14	8	5	83
21 *Lee's Chapel	15	19	19	5	38	6	3	3	32	13	14	167
22 Liberty, Vance	130	307	216	45	232	36	20	23	.....	114	233	1,336
23 *Martha's Chapel	16	12	12	7	38	8	2	2	14	15	14	140
24 Moore Union	23	12	12	9	48	10	4	4	.....	20	21	163
25 *Morrisville	78	131	64	9	31	5	5	3	16	11	56	409
26 Mt. Auburn	62	173	96	30	107	10	8	9	36	54	54	639
27 Mt. Carmel	5	5	5	1	7	1	1	1	28	2	5	61
28 Mt. Gilead	45	34	34	14	82	18	6	5	20	36	24	318
29 *Mt. Herman	22	34	34	7	42	8	2	3	44	16	21	233
30 *New Elam	62	136	112	18	117	29	9	9	58	54	63	667
31 *New Hope	28	30	30	11	61	23	5	4	49	25	27	293
32 *Niagara	10	10	10	4	25	3	7	2	19	9	9	108
33 *Oak Level	28	31	31	11	61	10	5	4	29	25	27	262
34 O'Kelly's Chapel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35 Piney Plain	82	72	52	14	88	8	6	6	.....	36	80	444
36 Pleasant Hill	10	24	15	9	24	4	2	2	15	7	10	122
37 Pleasant Union	.....	550	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	550
38 *Plymouth	23	56	39	9	48	14	2	2	24	20	21	258
39 Pope's Chapel	18	36	30	9	20	10	5	4	.....	15	18	165
40 Raleigh	72	.....	.....	23	127	32	.....	.....	116	63	72	505
41* Sanford	68	115	82	14	92	21	7	9	47	39	67	561
42 *Shallow Well	41	54	54	14	84	18	6	7	47	36	40	403
43 Six Forks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
44 *Southern Pines	45	63	63	14	71	21	8	10	57	39	111	502
45 *Turner's Chapel	23	42	42	9	48	8	.....	5	24	20	21	242
46 *Wake Chapel	167	2,266	269	20	296	22	15	18	68	69	1,067	4,277
47 Wentworth	.....	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	156
48 *Youngsville	17	35	15	9	40	5	3	4	12	15	14	169
Totals	$1,615	$5,679	$1,711	$ 453	$2,645	$ 481	$ 89	$ 192	$1,213	$1,069	$2,717	$ 17,964

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Orphanage Special	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Building and Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conference	Total Raised for Missions and Benev.	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Raised for Current Expenses	Paid on New Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Indebtedness	Total Local Expenses	Grand Total for All Purposes	*Has Parsonage	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
$ 25	.....	$ 135	$ 18	$ 148	$ 33	$ 572	$ 1,205	$ 2,161	$ 1,095	.....	$ 3,256	$ 3,828	$	20,000	.....
....	.....	68	3	.....	.....	249	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	249		4,000	.....
30	.....	.....	....	.....	55	715	500	814	1,731	.....	2,545	3,260		5,600	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	177	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	177		2,500	.....
....	.....	66	3	.....	.....	170	250	316	672	.....	988	1,158		3,000	.....
....	.....	136	....	.....	55	485	1,800	2,880	.....	.....	2,880	3,365		22,655	.....
....	$ 50	.....	....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85		20,000	.....
....	.....	255	....	508	126	1,202	4,375	7,271	192	.....	7,463	8,665	*	50,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	40	329	403	986	.....	1,389	1,429		6,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	160	.....	360	800	1,400	.....	.....	1,400	1,760		20,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	323	1,500	1,944	.....	.....	1,944	2,267		15,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	51	13	297	642	942	1,470	.....	2,412	2,709		7,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	480	.....	591	700	1,205	.....	.....	1,205	1,796		40,000	.....
100	75	100	25	.....	81	602	3,640	6,940	.....	$ 1,620	8,560	9,162	*	50,000	.....
....	.....	108	10	.....	76	507	500	1,029	.....	.....	1,029	1,536		12,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	174	300	400	200	.....	600	774		4,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	150	.....	290	500	1,228	586	345	2,159	2,449		5,600	$ 374
10	335	750	45	32	240	2,236	3,661	7,629	1,578	.....	9,207	11,443	*	44,000	.....
....	.....	195	17	.....	.....	409	572	925	.....	.....	925	1,234		3,800	.....
18	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	101	150	190	.....	.....	190	291		2,500	.....
....	.....	166	15	.....	.....	348	443	1,004	.....	301	1,305	1,653		6,000	2,249
81	175	183	....	265	276	2,226	5,000	3,940	500	1,100	5,540	7,876	*	60,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	140	306	415	.....	.....	415	555		1,500	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	5	168	336	336	.....	.....	336	504		3,000	.....
....	20	50	6	85	24	594	360	886	354	.....	1,240	1,834		4,000	.....
....	150	175	13	.....	79	1,056	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,056	*	10,000	.....
....	.....	51	....	.....	.....	112	400	510	.....	.....	510	622		3,000	.....
....	.....	140	8	.....	31	497	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	497		10,000	.....
....	.....	.....	11	30	.....	274	400	502	45	.....	547	821		7,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	185	.....	850	700	1,185	.....	.....	1,185	2,035		10,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	87	58	438	1,827	2,622	1,626	240	4,488	4,926	*	26,000	.....
....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	118	230	325	.....	.....	325	443		5,000	.....
....	.....	.....	1	250	50	563	600	1,050	900	.....	1,950	2,513		15,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		3,500	.....
....	.....	13	....	.....	.....	457	829	1,091	4,410	.....	550	5,958		12,000	.....
....	.....	17	....	.....	.....	139	141	161	.....	.....	161	300		5,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	550	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	550		3,500	.....
8	.....	100	13	150	31	560	1,084	1,719	5,494	.....	7,213	7,773		11,000	.....
....	.....	19	7	10	20	223	600	717	.....	400	1,117	1,340		5,000	.....
....	100	298	....	394	239	1,536	2,255	11,174	.....	.....	11,174	12,710	*	140,000	.....
10	253	375	35	200	218	1,652	3,600	10,723	1,414	3,105	15,242	16,894	*	113,000	7,154
....	17	100	....	150	169	839	1,666	3,470	799	.....	4,269	5,108	*	40,000	2,000
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		2,000	.....
72	100	771	61	523	150	2,184	4,075	9,465	6,247	5,310	21,022	23,206	*	249,000	30,832
6	.....	100	12	.....	88	448	1,500	1,721	.....	.....	1,721	2,169		20,000	.....
50	300	1,500	....	100	240	6,467	3,600	7,107	1,384	3,400	11,893	18,360	*	75,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	411	.....	567	650	1,136	.....	.....	1,136	1,703		10,000	.....
3	.....	35	....	20	50	277	678	910	500	.....	1,410	1,687		11,300	.....
$413	$1,575	$5,906	$320	$4,393	$2,407	$ 32,978	$ 50,707	$ 99,846	$ 32,185	$ 15,821	$147,852	$180,830		$1,195,855	$ 42,609

TABLE No. 9—FINANCE—WESTERN

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Nat. Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Total Paid for Apportionments
1 *Albemarle	$ 70	$ 75	$ 75	$ 20	$ 94	$ 30	$ 5	$ 10	$ 65	$ 60	$ 100	$ 604
2 Antioch (C)	.....	20	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	60
3 Antioch (R)	16	8	8	8	17	8	3	3	.....	12	21	104
4 *Asheboro	100	75	50	20	50	15	10	10	100	60	154	644
5 *Bailey's Grove	15	15	15	10	20	5	5	5	25	10	15	140
6 Bennett	15	5	5	5	20	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	65
7 Big Oak	19	8	8	3	28	3	2	3	35	4	19	132
8 Biscoe	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9 Brown's Chapel	30	65	20	10	35	20	5	5	30	25	40	285
10 Center Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11 *Ether	35	40	30	10	60	10	5	5	40	30	77	342
12 Flint Hill (M)	.....	20	9	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	84
13 *Flint Hill (R)	15	77	15	10	25	5	5	5	20	15	20	212
14 Grace's Chapel	7	117	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	20	37	186
15 *Hank's Chapel	102	60	60	20	60	20	5	10	60	65	122	584
16 *High Point	30	30	30	10	50	10	5	5	40	25	40	275
17 *Liberty	35	40	35	10	50	10	5	10	40	30	67	332
18 Mt. Pleasant	25	25	25	10	45	5	5	10	15	20	30	215
19 *Needham's Grove	51	20	26	10	50	15	5	10	65	25	35	312
20 *New Center	25	20	25	10	40	10	5	10	55	20	30	230
21 Park's Cross Roads	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22 Patterson's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 *Pleasant Cross	20	83	42	10	40	5	5	10	35	20	25	295
24 *Pleasant Grove	45	35	35	10	50	35	5	10	55	35	50	365
25 *Pleasant Hill	95	196	75	35	100	30	5	10	90	85	125	846
26 *Pleasant Ridge	85	65	65	20	95	25	5	10	80	70	140	660
27 *Pleasant Union	20	239	20	10	40	5	5	10	40	20	25	434
28 Providence Chapel	11	5	7	3	7	3	4	3	.....	7	10	60
29 *Ramseur	79	60	60	20	65	15	5	10	50	60	110	534
30 Randleman	25	26	26	10	20	2	2	5	.....	14	25	155
31 *Seagrove	35	65	40	20	65	10	5	10	50	30	40	370
32 Shady Grove	22	20	20	5	30	10	5	5	.....	15	27	159
33 Shiloh	.....	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130
34 Smithwood	35	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	25	50	200
35 *Sophia	20	20	20	20	45	10	5	10	45	15	25	235
36 *Spoon's Chapel	25	20	20	10	30	5	5	5	20	15	25	180
37 *Union Grove	20	29	20	10	40	10	5	5	50	15	25	229
38 Zion	20	502	20	10	40	15	5	5	.....	15	25	657
Totals	$1,147	$2,260	$ 906	$ 359	$1,361	$ 356	$ 141	$ 209	$1,150	$ 862	$1,564	$ 10,315

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Orphanage Special	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Building and Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conference	Total Raised for Missions and Benev.	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Raised for Current Expenses	Paid on New Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Indebtedness	Total Local Expenses	Grand Total for All Purposes	*Has Parsonage Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
....	.....	.....	$ 25	$ 193	$ 107	$ 929	$ 3,100	$ 5,867	$ 701	$ 1,467	$ 8,035	$ 8,964	$* 46,0000	$ 1,557
....	.....	.....	....	30	.....	90	202	321	444	.....	765	855	5,400	.....
....	.....	.....	6	.....	46	156	604	1,460	400	.....	1,860	2,016	22,000	.....
....	$ 165	.....	14	243	242	1,308	4,000	7,929	2,000	240	10,169	11,477	* 70,000	8,000
....	.....	$ 30	5	77	.....	252	600	946	45	.....	991	1,243	10,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	25	.....	90	207	241	349	.....	590	680	25,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	132	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132	.....	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	288	770	1,712	.....	.....	1,712	2,000	4,500	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
....	.....	.....	18	70	.....	430	780	1,111	.....	.....	1,111	1,541	3,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	84	144	184	.....	.....	184	268	1,500	.....
....	.....	64	8	157	36	477	360	527	.....	.....	527	1,004	* 11,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	186	840	1,363	.....	.....	1,363	1,549	8,000	.....
....	245	347	27	708	55	1,966	1,800	3,290	10,434	3,155	16,879	18,845	* 45,000	$ 1,000
$ 26	.....	.....	....	20	62	383	2,496	3,288	642	.....	3,930	4,313	* 22,500	.....
....	.....	120	....	195	53	700	1,250	1,877	1,100	.....	2,977	3,677	* 22,500	4,000
....	.....	23	....	41	19	298	394	587	44	.....	631	927	3,000	.....
....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	339	814	.....	.....	.....	.....	339	.....	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	230	574	1,055	.....	.....	1,055	1,285	2,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
....	.....	.....	....	163	.....	458	500	1,146	467	.....	1,613	2,071	5,000	.....
....	.....	.....	10	268	68	711	1,250	2,075	2,000	.....	4,075	4,786	* 27,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	577	50	1,473	2,250	3,850	3,183	.....	7,033	8,506	* 45,000	.....
....	.....	105	27	399	122	1,313	1,400	3,122	1,291	1,800	6,213	7,526	.....	.....
....	.....	150	....	45	.....	629	1,314	1,944	.....	.....	1,944	2,573	2,500	.....
....	.....	.....	....	167	.....	227	313	517	.....	.....	517	744	2,000	.....
10	.....	.....	39	.....	87	670	750	1,280	2,000	.....	3,280	3,950	10,000	.....
15	.....	72	10	86	.....	338	1,200	3,895	4,445	1,000	9,340	9,678	* 46,500	4,000
....	.....	.....	....	108	.....	478	1,455	1,815	810	.....	2,625	3,103	* 12,000	.....
....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	166	780	1,227	.....	.....	1,227	1,393	5,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	288	.....	418	406	906	100	.....	1,006	1,424	.....	.....
....	.....	.....	11	313	10	534	873	1,428	722	.....	2,150	2,684	15,000	.....
....	.....	90	7	213	52	597	1,500	2,116	939	.....	3,055	3,652	* 12,000	.....
....	.....	88	9	.....	40	317	500	660	.....	.....	660	977	2,000	.....
....	.....	82	....	215	76	602	1,000	1,561	256	.....	1,817	2,419	15,000	.....
....	.....	.....	....	460	.....	1,117	720	1,161	350	.....	1,511	2,628	12,000	.....
$ 51	$ 410	$1,171	$253	$5,061	$1,125	$ 18,386	$ 35,146	$ 60,461	$ 32,722	$ 7,662	$100,845	$119,231	$ 512,400	$ 18,557

TABLE No. 10—FINANCE—NORTH

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Nat. Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Total Paid for Apportionments
1 *Apple's Chapel	$ 121	$ 136	$ 135	$ 44	$ 251	$ 44	$ 10	$ 23	$ 168	$ 106	$ 100	$ 1,138
2 *Asheville	26	25	27	8	44	10	10	4	21	23	37	235
3 *Belew Creek	50	29	46	18	127	12	8	12	54	44	31	431
4 Berea	32	49	42	10	75	5	8	7	29	36	31	324
5 Bethel	50	80	55	10	40	10	5	.....	30	16	50	346
6 Bethlehem	106	127	114	34	207	25	12	21	.....	91	82	819
7 *Burlington, Beverly Hills	14	47	18	6	37	10	4	5	10	12	14	177
8 Burlington, First	1,029	2,661	370	.....	320	.....	.....	.....	197	418	709	5,704
9 *Burlington, Lakeview	14	42	11	7	17	3	4	4	8	12	5	127
10 *Carolina	32	18	27	15	111	8	7	6	23	28	14	289
11 Concord	35	43	40	16	70	9	6	6	25	24	28	302
12 Danville	141	29	31	13	82	41	5	14	.....	125	143	624
13 Durham	457	520	534	138	725	65	28	79	131	421	463	3,561
14 *Elk Spur	16	12	11	7	52	3	4	2	42	14	7	170
15 *Elon College	276	200	327	97	466	45	27	49	97	237	261	2,082
16 Gibsonville	63	44	61	20	72	22	9	14	54	55	274	688
17 Graham-Prov. Memorial	27	25	23	14	53	8	6	4	24	24	.....	208
18 Greensboro, Calvary	.....	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
19 *Greensboro, First	395	952	595	95	692	47	30	53	118	443	2,063	5,483
20 *Greensboro, Palm St	86	153	115	27	129	27	8	13	40	76	86	760
21 *Happy Home	105	223	109	41	198	29	12	20	63	90	81	971
22 *Haw River	91	192	107	27	161	17	12	14	38	80	72	811
23 *Hebron	32	40	34	10	57	12	6	5	25	29	22	272
24 *Hendersonville	14	12	11	7	17	3	4	4	8	12	5	97
25 *Hines' Chapel	65	78	101	20	107	13	9	14	34	57	60	558
26 Hopedale	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	31
27 *Howard's Chapel	23	12	11	7	17	3	4	4	8	12	20	121
28 *Ingram	130	135	140	40	215	19	15	18	53	105	113	983
29 *Kallam Grove	34	18	30	14	58	9	7	6	23	30	19	248
30 *Lebanon	49	42	55	16	111	14	8	7	64	43	34	443
31 *Liberty	49	38	55	19	111	21	8	7	42	43	34	427
32 Long's Chapel	64	56	70	20	127	17	9	10	.....	56	48	477
33 Lynchburg, Covenant	8	8	8	4	8	2	3	3	.....	8	8	60
34 *Mebane	12	94	21	14	21	3	5	4	32	10	5	221
35 *Monticello	35	64	30	15	92	9	7	6	27	31	19	335
36 Mt. Bethel	37	45	45	16	55	6	5	8	.....	35	40	292
37 *Mt. Zion	61	67	69	22	141	17	8	8	37	50	43	523
38 *New Lebanon	84	100	97	27	144	19	12	13	100	74	67	737
39 *Pfafftown	24	26	18	14	59	3	6	4	16	21	9	200
40 *Pleasant Grove	78	71	79	29	161	27	10	16	51	69	57	648
41 *Pleasant Ridge	49	40	35	16	73	5	7	4	23	30	44	326
42 Reidsville	54	1,134	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	118	.....	2,895	4,201
43 Rocky Ford	16	12	11	.....	39	3	3	.....	.....	.....	13	97
44 Salem Chapel	10	10	10	5	15	2	2	1	.....	10	10	75
45 *Shallow Ford	98	132	80	44	186	21	10	12	51	64	232	930
46 So. Boston, Center	5	5	5	3	13	3	3	3	.....	5	5	50
47 *Tryon	114	125	137	35	186	21	12	14	52	82	495	1,273
48 *Union (N. C.)	84	96	97	35	205	34	80	13	80	74	64	862
49 *Union (Va.)	99	109	115	35	186	45	12	18	79	87	82	867
50 *Winston-Salem	64	50	43	14	98	13	12	7	35	56	28	420
51 *Zion	8	5	5	2	21	3	3	2	14	7	7	77
Totals	$4,566	$8,304	$4,210	$1,130	$6,452	$ 787	$ 485	$ 561	$2,170	$3,475	$9,029	$ 41,169

*Indicates apportionment paid in full.

CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Orphanage Special	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Building and Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conference	Total Raised for Missions and Benev.	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Raised for Current Expenses	Paid on New Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Indebtedness	Total Local Expenses	Grand Total for All Purposes	*Has Parsonage	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
....	.....	$ 200	....	$ 501	$ 142	$ 1,981	$ 3,000	$ 5,665	$ 1,883	$ 3,000	$ 10,548	$ 12,529	$ 49,000	.....	
$250	.....	250	$ 5	825	116	1,681	4,655	8,629	.....	911	9,540	11,221	* 58,500	$ 3,725	
....	.....	.....	....	.....	57	488	.....	791	104	.....	895	1,383	* 16,000	.....	
....	.....	95	....	.....	56	475	1,964	2,821	700	.....	3,521	3,996	6,000	.....	
....	.....	193	....	72	43	654	1,200	1,670	345	.....	2,015	2,669	* 37,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	85	46	950	1,680	3,960	.....	3,082	7,042	7,992	100,000	15,000	
....	$ 60	134	23	12	48	454	3,600	6,304	800	.....	7,104	7,558	* 36,000	.....	
....	269	.....	74	200	1,455	7,702	4,800	27,701	.....	18,955	46,656	54,358	* 445,000	38,250	
....	.....	11	....	.....	15	153	600	2,555	.....	.....	2,555	2,708	11,000	2,702	
....	.....	13	....	300	30	632	2,600	4,345	200	1,100	5,645	6,277	* 21,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	3	.....	42	347	840	990	1,000	.....	1,990	2,337	* 44,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	1,570	.....	2,194	3,145	16,095	1,050	.....	17,145	19,339	* 175,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	90	444	4,095	4,500	10,599	15,727	1,268	27,594	31,689	* 185,000	7,275	
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	170	.....	71	.....	.....	71	241	.....	.....	
2	140	200	....	.....	665	3,089	4,000	8,104	993	776	9,873	12,962	.....	.....	
....	.....	100	....	.....	113	901	1,872	3,669	458	1,229	5,356	6,257	48,000	.....	
....	.....	100	....	250	28	586	1,500	3,247	.....	.....	3,247	3,833	35,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	97	43	208	1,145	1,984	.....	1,076	3,054	3,262	50,000	3,200	
191	.....	1,097	145	733	932	8,581	5,000	19,107	3,162	16,306	38,576	47,157	* 283,500	63,675	
....	.....	520	43	374	221	1,918	4,770	6,870	114	4,145	11,129	13,047	* 73,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	26	1,081	121	2,199	2,640	3,470	240	.....	3,710	5,909	* 37,000	.....	
....	.....	281	....	.....	163	1,255	3,500	6,639	286	.....	6,925	8,180	* 22,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	10	84	30	396	338	618	.....	.....	618	1,014	3,000	.....	
....	.....	40	22	.....	.....	159	2,080	3,396	6,500	2,701	12,596	12,755	18,810	5,000	
....	.....	.....	....	713	187	1,458	1,400	2,816	311	.....	3,126	4,584	* 27,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	.....	102	133	2,860	3,623	523	4,060	8,206	8,339	60,000	11,500	
....	.....	20	10	.....	.....	151	1,191	1,554	329	.....	1,883	2,034	8,000	.....	
65	181	.....	12	132	163	1,536	1,575	2,597	.....	.....	2,597	4,133	* 31,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	.....	18	266	684	1,104	.....	.....	1,104	1,370	5,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	.....	8	451	720	920	.....	1,500	2,420	2,871	40,000	5,500	
5	44	.....	....	50	20	546	800	1,215	.....	.....	1,215	1,761	6,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	14	65	556	1,242	2,896	960	.....	3,856	4,412	* 22,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	60	.....	500	.....	.....	500	560	.....	.....	
....	.....	27	8	20	.....	276	450	525	.....	.....	525	801	5,000	.....	
5	10	231	14	.....	158	753	1,200	1,694	.....	.....	1,694	2,447	3,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	76	52	420	924	1,318	719	.....	2,037	2,457	10,000	300	
....	.....	.....	21	.....	14	558	1,200	1,573	1,600	.....	3,173	3,731	* 27,500	.....	
71	.....	.....	30	.....	86	924	1,548	6,115	3,933	.....	10,048	10,972	38,000	9,100	
....	.....	129	5	87	35	456	705	1,097	91	.....	1,188	1,644	5,500	.....	
....	200	365	21	110	112	1,456	1,340	1,943	.....	.....	1,943	3,399	* 20,000	.....	
....	.....	364	13	.....	144	847	750	1,188	1,268	.....	2,457	3,304	22,000	.....	
188	.....	.....	4	200	543	5,136	4,740	13,155	6,125	.....	19,330	24,466	* 77,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	97	180	325	.....	.....	325	422	5,000	.....	
....	.....	.....	....	352	57	484	696	926	10,000	.....	10,926	11,410	* 25,000	.....	
25	.....	528	40	.....	132	1,655	3,400	5,365	847	.....	6,212	7,867	* 43,000	.....	
25	.....	.....	....	17	.....	92	1,750	3,084	12,501	.....	15,585	15,677	40,500	20,000	
....	256	500	209	868	230	3,336	4,850	11,334	.....	.....	11,334	14,670	* 147,000	.....	
....	324	300	....	600	286	2,372	3,600	7,159	5,375	.....	12,534	14,906	* 95,000	.....	
12	400	150	38	388	240	2,095	2,342	4,672	2,885	.....	7,557	9,652	* 43,000	2,885	
....	120	408	5	.....	97	1,050	3,060	5,566	405	.....	5,971	7,021	* 37,500	.....	
....	.....	50	....	.....	.....	127	946	1,237	611	.....	1,848	1,975	10,000	.....	
$839	$2,004	$6,306	$781	$9,901	$7,559	$ 68,559	$103,782	$234,801	$ 82,095	$ 60,103	$376,999	$445,558	$2,606,810	$188,112	

TABLE No. 11—SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP

CONFERENCE	Membership Last Year	Received by Confession	Total Number Received	Lost by Death	Total Number Lost	Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Enrollment	Members in Y. P. Organizations
Virginia Valley Central	2,642	79	111	27	172	2,581	219	1,499	295
Eastern Virginia	10,786	354	764	101	470	11,080	764	8,062	816
Eastern North Carolina	6,656	174	548	38	203	7,001	461	4,731	414
Western North Carolina	4,169	137	195	38	103	4,261	352	4,577	357
North Carolina and Virginia	10,636	325	697	77	1,353	9,980	852	8,565	867
Totals	34,889	1,069	2,315	281	2,301	34,903	2,648	27,434	2,749

TABLE No, 12—FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CONFERENCE	Convention Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Christian Sun	Conference Fund	Conference Home Missions	Council of Churches	Nat. Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconst'n	Total Paid for Apportionments	Christian Missionary Association
Virginia Valley Central	$ 1,091	$ 1,169	$ 908	$ 367	$ 1,707	$ 191	$ 99	$ 135	$ 1,316	.....	.....	$ 734	$ 1,120	$ 8,837	$ 261
Eastern Virginia	4,969	7,549	6,181	1,510	7,860	960	512	724	500	$ 1,456	$ 323	4,079	5,291	41,914	4,020
Eastern North Carolina	1,615	5,679	1,711	453	2,645	481	189	192	1,213	.....	.....	1,069	2,717	17,964	.....
Western North Carolina	1,147	2,260	906	359	1,361	356	141	209	1,150	.....	.....	862	1,564	10,315	.....
North Carolina and Virginia	4.566	8,304	4,210	1,130	6,452	787	485	561	2,170	.....	.....	3,475	9,029	41,169	.....
Totals	$†13,388	$ 24,961	$ 13,916	$ 3,819	$ 20,025	$ 2,775	$ 1,426	$ 1,821	$ 6,349	$ 1,456	$ *323	$ 10,219	$‡19,721	$ 120,199	$ 4,281

CONFERENCE	Orphanage Special	Elon College Sustaining Fund	Church Building and Loan Fund	Christmas Fund	Other Benevolences	Raised for Woman's Conference	Total Raised for Missions and Benev.	Paid on Pastor's Salary	Total Raised for Current Expenses	Total Paid on New Building	Total Paid on Improvements	Paid on Indebtedness	Total Local Expenses	Grand Total for All Purposes	Value of Church Property	Indebtedness
Virginia Valley Central	$ 46	$ 82	$ 1,006	$ 190	$ 1,050	$ 1,298	$ 12,770	$ 14,799	$ 24,187	$ 13,332	$ 2,773	$ 5,270	$ 45,562	$ 58,332	$ 289,700	$ 11,050
Eastern Virginia	1,255	4,610	10,692	661	10,850	10,273	84,275	97,525	241,369	143.815	10,892	34,081	430,157	514,432	3,484,600	159,630
Eastern North Carolina	413	1,575	5,906	320	4,393	2,407	32,978	50,707	99,846	18,342	13,843	15,821	147,852	180,830	1,195,855	42,609
Western North Carolina	51	410	1,171	253	5,081	1,125	18,386	35,146	60,461	22,566	10,156	7,662	100,845	119,231	512,400	18,557
North Carolina and Virginia	839	2,004	6,306	781	9,901	7,559	68,559	103,782	234,801	67,360	14,735	60,103	376,999	445,558	2,606,810	188,112
Church Undesignated	.....	.....	205	.....	.....	366	571	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	571	.....	.....
Totals	$2,604	$8,681	$ 25,286	$2,205	$ 31,255	$ 23,028	$217,539	$301,959	$660,604	$265,415	$ 52,399	$122,937	$1,101,415	$1,318,954	$8,089,365	$419,958

*All Conferences except Eastern Virginia support Council of Churches through Conference Fund.
†Includes special Convention Home Missions projects in addition to apportionments.
‡Includes special Foreign Mission projects in addition to apportionments.

TABLE No. 13—THE CONVENTION FUNDS

NAME OF FUND	CONFERENCE	Appt'd by Convention	Appt'd by Conference	Paid by Churches
Convention Home Missions	Virginia Valley	$ 1,062	$ 1,062	$ 1,091
	Eastern Virginia	4,623	4,634	4,969
	Eastern North Carolina	1,470	1,504	1,615
	Western North Carolina	1,062	1,310	1,147
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,283	4,231	4,566
	Totals	$ 12,500	$ 12,741	$ 13,388
The Christian Orphanage	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 960	$ 1,169
	Eastern Virginia	4,800	4,869	7,549
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,112	5,679
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,135	2,260
	North Carolina and Virginia	6,000	5,968	8,304
	Totals	$ 15,000	$ 15,044	$ 24,961
Elon College	Virginia Valley	$ 960	$ 981	$ 908
	Eastern Virginia	6,000	5,982	6,181
	Eastern North Carolina	2,100	2,112	1,711
	Western North Carolina	1,140	1,140	906
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,800	4,708	4,210
	Totals	$ 15,000	$ $ 14,923	$ 13,916
Christian Education	Virginia Valley	$ 330	$ 330	$ 367
	Eastern Virginia	1,450	1,489	1,510
	Eastern North Carolina	535	551	453
	Western North Carolina	330	485	359
	North Carolina and Virginia	1,355	1,367	1,130
	Totals	$ 4,000$	$ 4,222	$ 3,819
Convention Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 1,830	$ 1,830	$ 1,707
	Eastern Virginia	7,890	7,860	7,860
	Eastesn North Carolina	3,090	3,138	2,645
	Western North Carolina	2,300	1,715	1,361
	North Carolina and Virginia	7,890	7,811	6,452
	Totals	$ 23,000	$ 22,354	$ 20,025
Per Capita Dues for General Council	Virginia Valley	$ 248	$ 248	$ 191
	Eastern Virginia	1,120	960	960
	Eastern North Carolina	559	603	481
	Western North Carolina	380	480	356
	North Carolina and Virginia	993	1,026	787
	Totals	$ 3,300	$ 3,317	$ 2,775
Ministerial Scholarship Fund	Virginia Valley	$ 125	$ 126	$ 99
	Eastern Virginia	500	512	512
	Eastern North Carolina	225	239	189
	Western North Carolina	150	190	141
	North Carolina and Virginia	500	585	485
	Totals	$ 1,500	$ 1,652	$ 1,426
The Christian Sun	Virginia Valley	$ 150	$ 150	$ 135
	Eastern Virginia	700	724	724
	Eastern North Carolina	250	255	192
	Western North Carolina	200	275	209
	North Carolina and Virginia	700	721	561
	Totals	2,000	2,125	1,821
National Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Virginia Valley	$ 935	$ 936	$ 734
	Eastern Virginia	4,070	4,075	4,079
	Eastern North Carolina	1,300	1,317	1,069
	Western North Carolina	935	1,065	862
	North Carolina and Virginia	3,760	3,714	3,475
	Totals	$ 11,000	$ 11,107	$ 10,219
Foreign Missions and Relief & Reconstruction	Virginia Valley	$ 1,072	$ 1,078	$ 1,120
	Eastern Virginia	4,646	4,783	5,291
	Eastern North Carolina	1,429	1,441	2,717
	Western North Carolina	1,072	1,665	1,564
	North Carolina and Virginia	4,281	4,211	9,029
	Totals	$ 12,500	$ 13,178	$ 19,721
Grand Total		$ 99,800	$100,663	$112,071*

*Note,—The Sustaining Fund for Elon College amounted to $8,681, making a total of $120,752. This is exclusive of Orphanage Specials, which are not included.

TABLE No. 14—APPORTIONMENTS—EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Fund	Conv. Home Missions and Church Extension	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Nat'l Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	Conference Home Missions	Virginia Council of Churches	TOTAL
Antioch	$ 75	$ 48	$ 23	$ 134	$ 10	$ 4	$ 17	$ 27	$ 27	$ 22	$ 5	$ 10	$ 5	$ 407
Barrett's	16	21	16	43	7	5	12	11	9	15	5	5	2	167
Bayside (Org. 1954)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Berea, Nansemond	172	150	77	158	125	18	29	83	77	40	15	25	4	973
Bethlehem, Disputanta	41	43	19	26	17	6	29	23	21	40	5	5	4	279
Bethlehem, Nansemond	213	254	117	328	188	18	102	140	111	136	15	50	15	1,687
Burton's Grove	34	21	16	22	11	5	5	11	9	7	5	5	1	152
Centerville	16	19	15	32	7	5	10	10	9	12	5	5	2	147
Cypress Chapel	155	179	64	248	168	15	53	98	101	72	15	50	11	1,229
Dendron	16	26	15	32	67	3	5	14	12	7	3	2	1	203
Eure	102	59	16	117	60	11	39	33	35	52	10	10	10	554
Franklin	351	339	66	529	157	15	53	187	200	72	15	75	12	2,071
Great Bridge, Berea	186	162	85	91	71	16	39	88	107	49	15	35	5	949
Holland	376	307	76	484	273	9	60	169	144	77	10	75	12	2,072
Holy Neck	255	144	66	302	155	10	48	79	65	64	10	25	9	1,232
Hopewell	16	35	16	22	7	5	19	19	15	32	5	4	6	201
Isle of Wight	69	38	16	162	33	10	12	21	27	15	10	10	2	425
Johnson's Grove	16	26	16	22	11	5	12	14	12	15	5	3	2	159
Liberty Spring	271	218	77	473	203	23	80	119	110	111	15	40	12	1,752
Mt. Carmel	175	160	64	227	91	15	36	88	92	47	15	35	7	1,052
Mt. Zion	16	21	16	32	7	5	10	11	9	12	5	5	2	151
New Lebanon	50	54	16	65	13	10	12	30	27	15	10	10	2	314
Newport News	547	544	175	864	277	25	73	299	386	96	25	100	15	3,426
Norfolk:														
Bay View	69	48	16	86	27	10	12	27	27	15	10	5	4	356
The Temple	1,253	1,021	193	1,836	333	35	194	561	605	257	35	100	31	6,454
First	169	98	44	227	117	8	39	54	48	49	10	35	9	907
Little Creek	16	21	7	11	33	2	12	12	12	15	2	2	1	146
Rosemont	558	541	131	1,037	888	25	73	297	386	96	25	80	14	4,151
Central	117	86	19	203	77	6	19	48	44	27	10	30	3	689
Oak Grove	63	46	12	97	20	4	15	26	28	17	5	10	3	346
Oakland	231	205	69	380	142	14	85	113	118	111	15	35	10	1,528
Portsmouth:														
Elm Avenue	58	88	18	60	22	3	17	49	48	25	5	30	3	426
First	244	230	64	400	166	10	24	126	128	32	10	35	6	1,475
Shelton Memorial	83	64	38	37	31	11	15	35	32	17	10	5	3	381
Richmond	175	160	32	400	134	15	24	88	92	32	15	35	5	1,207
South Norfolk	342	294	74	575	206	17	111	162	178	158	15	60	20	2,212
Spring Hill	69	48	16	65	27	5	12	27	29	15	5	10	2	330
Suffolk	1,253	1,019	229	1,957	818	38	206	560	582	304	40	300	43	7,349
Sunbury—Damascus	105	82	16	162	70	10	29	45	37	40	10	15	5	626
Union, Southampton	86	94	16	166	82	21	24	51	56	37	20	15	5	673
Union, Surry	16	30	16	43	13	5	7	16	12	10	5	5	2	180
Wakefield	69	67	32	130	27	5	22	37	39	30	5	10	4	477
Warwick (Org. 1954)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waverly	280	170	32	400	80	15	36	94	110	47	10	25	5	1,304
Windsor	138	133	32	238	134	15	22	73	83	30	15	30	4	947
Totals	$8,562	$7,413	$2,173	12,923	$5,405	$512	$1,753	$4,075	$4,299	$2,372	$500	$1,456	$323	$ 51,766

TABLE No. 15—APPORTIONMENTS—VA. VALLEY CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	Conv. Home Missions and Church Extension	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Per Capita Dues	Nat'l Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Conference Fund	TOTAL
Antioch	$ 102	$ 77	$ 134	$ 30	$ 120	$ 8	$ 23	$ 32	$ 56	$ 64	$ 80	$ 726
Bethel	103	78	136	30	122	8	23	32	57	65	81	735
Bethlehem	92	70	122	27	109	7	20	29	51	58	72	657
Beulah	10	7	13	3	12	1	2	3	5	6	8	70
Concord	36	27	48	11	43	3	8	11	20	23	28	258
Dry Run	38	29	50	11	45	3	8	12	21	24	30	271
Joppa	15	12	20	4	18	1	3	5	8	10	12	108
Leaksville	129	97	170	38	152	10	29	40	71	81	101	918
Linville	117	88	154	34	137	9	26	36	64	74	91	830
Mayland	39	29	51	11	46	3	9	12	21	25	30	276
Mt. Lebanon	63	47	82	18	74	5	14	20	34	39	49	445
Mt. Olivet, Greene	82	62	108	24	97	6	18	26	45	52	64	584
Mt. Olivet, R'ingham	79	60	104	23	93	6	17	25	43	50	62	562
New Hope	47	35	62	14	55	3	10	15	26	29	36	332
Newport	126	95	167	37	149	9	28	40	70	80	99	900
Oak Dale	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palmyra	45	34	59	13	53	3	10	14	25	28	35	319
Timber Ridge	147	111	194	43	173	11	32	46	81	93	115	1,046
Winchester	334	252	441	97	393	25	74	105	184	211	261	2,377
Wissler's Chapel	40	30	53	12	47	3	9	13	22	25	31	285
Woods Chapel	56	42	74	16	66	4	12	18	31	35	44	398
Totals	$1,700	$1,282	$2,242	$ 496	$2,004	$ 128	$ 375	$ 534	$ 935	$1,072	$1,329	$ 12,097

TABLE No. 16—APPORTIONMENTS—EASTERN N. C. CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Fund	Conv. Home Missions and Church Extension	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Nat'l Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund and Ministerial Insurance	TOTAL
Amelia	$ 72	$ 51	$ 17	$ 106	$ 93	$ 5	$ 14	$ 28	$ 31	$ 25	$ 31	$ 473
Antioch	38	27	9	56	49	3	7	15	16	14	24	258
Auburn	65	46	16	95	83	4	12	25	29	23	36	434
Bethel	52	22	7	22	22	3	3	19	21	3	10	*184
Bethlehem	25	18	6	36	32	2	5	10	10	9	15	168
Beulah	98	69	23	143	125	7	18	38	42	35	52	650
Catawba Springs	94	42	15	91	91	7	9	37	41	13	51	*491
Chapel Hill	96	68	23	141	123	6	18	37	41	34	23	610
Christian Chapel	33	23	8	48	42	2	6	13	14	12	32	233
Christian Light	58	41	14	84	74	4	10	22	25	20	40	392
Clayton	56	39	13	82	72	4	10	22	24	20	13	355
Damascus	40	29	10	59	52	3	8	16	17	14	18	266
Ebenezer	67	47	16	98	86	5	12	26	29	24	40	450
Eutaw, Fayetteville	54	38	13	79	69	4	10	21	23	19	10	340
Fuller's Chapel	61	43	15	90	79	4	11	24	26	22	30	405
Good Hope	37	26	9	54	48	3	7	14	16	13	20	247
Hayes Chapel	31	22	8	46	40	2	6	12	13	11	16	207
Henderson	206	145	50	300	264	14	38	80	88	73	61	1,319
Hope Mills	37	26	9	54	47	2	7	14	16	13	12	237
Lebanon	20	14	5	29	25	1	4	8	8	7	14	135
Lee's Chapel	31	22	8	46	40	2	6	12	13	11	16	207
Liberty, Vance	242	170	58	354	310	16	45	94	103	85	101	1,578
Martha's Chapel	25	18	6	37	33	2	5	10	11	9	14	170
Moore Union	33	23	8	48	42	2	6	13	14	12	23	224
Morrisville	39	28	9	57	50	3	7	15	17	14	16	255
Mt. Auburn	99	70	24	145	127	6	18	38	42	35	36	640
Mt. Carmel	39	27	9	55	49	3	7	15	16	14	23	257
Mt. Gilead	63	44	15	92	91	4	11	24	27	22	36	429
Mt. Hermon	38	27	9	55	49	3	7	15	16	13	22	254
New Elam	87	61	21	127	112	6	16	34	37	31	58	590
New Hope	90	64	22	130	116	6	17	35	39	31	49	599
Niagara	18	13	4	26	23	1	3	7	8	6	19	128
Oak Level	53	37	13	77	68	3	10	21	23	19	29	353
O'Kelly's Chapel	13	9	3	20	17	1	3	5	6	5	7	89
Piney Plain	38	27	9	55	49	3	7	15	16	13	23	255
Pleasant Hill	25	18	6	37	33	2	5	10	11	9	15	171
Pleasant Union	73	41	14	61	61	3	6	36	40	16	27	*378
Plymouth	56	40	14	82	72	4	11	22	24	20	24	369
Pope's Chapel	44	31	11	65	57	3	8	17	19	16	24	295
Raleigh	180	127	43	264	231	12	33	70	77	64	58	1,159
Sanford	185	130	44	270	240	12	34	72	79	65	47	1,178
Shallow Well	130	91	31	190	167	9	24	50	55	46	49	842
Six Forks	29	10	4	7	7	1	2	9	9	13	3	*94
Southern Pines	205	144	49	300	263	14	38	79	87	72	57	1,308
Turner's Chapel	71	50	17	104	92	5	13	28	30	25	24	459
Wake Chapel	370	260	89	542	475	25	69	144	158	131	68	2,331
Wentworth	46	33	11	68	59	3	9	18	20	16	24	307
Youngsville	32	23	8	47	41	2	6	12	14	11	12	208
Totals	$3,594	$2,474	$ 845	$5,074	$4,490	$ 241	$ 641	$1,401	$1,541	$1,228	$1,452	$ 22,981

*No record of membership or financial activity for the period, 1950-52. Apportionment same as shown in 1953-54.

TABLE No. 17—APPORTIONMENTS—WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	Conv. Home Missions	Christian Orphanage	Elon College	Christian Education	Convention Fund	Per Capita Dues	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Nat'l Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Conference Fund	TOTAL
Albemarle	$ 130	$ 155	$ 205	$ 40	$ 195	$ 60	$ 15	$ 40	$ 70	$ 85	$ 65	$ 1,060
Antioch (C)	30	35	45	10	45	15	5	10	15	20	20	250
Antioch (R)	30	35	50	10	45	15	5	10	15	20	10	245
Asheboro	115	135	180	35	170	55	10	35	65	70	100	970
Bailey's Grove	15	15	20	5	20	5	5	5	10	15	25	140
Bennett	15	15	15	5	20	5	5	5	10	15	20	130
Big Oak	45	45	50	10	60	10	5	10	35	40	35	345
Biscoe	15	15	15	5	15	5	5	5	15	15	20	130
Brown's Chapel	55	65	85	15	75	25	5	15	30	35	30	435
Center Grove	5	5	10	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	10	70
Ether	35	40	55	10	50	15	5	10	20	30	40	310
Flint Hill (M)	20	20	30	5	30	10	5	5	15	20	20	180
Flint Hill (R)	20	20	30	5	25	10	5	5	10	15	20	165
Grace's Chapel	65	75	100	20	95	30	5	20	35	40	55	540
Hank's Chapel	105	120	160	30	150	50	10	30	55	65	60	835
High Point	65	75	100	20	90	30	5	20	35	40	40	520
Liberty	55	65	85	15	80	25	5	15	30	35	40	450
Mt. Pleasant	30	35	45	10	40	15	5	10	15	15	30	250
Needham's Grove	50	60	75	15	75	25	5	15	25	30	40	415
New Center	25	30	40	10	40	10	5	10	15	15	35	235
Parks Cross Roads	25	20	20	10	40	20	5	5	20	30	35	230
Patterson's Grove	10	10	10	5	15	5	5	5	10	10	15	100
Pleasant Cross	30	35	45	10	40	15	5	10	15	15	35	255
Pleasant Grove	85	100	135	25	125	40	10	25	45	55	55	700
Pleasant Hill	150	175	235	45	220	70	15	45	80	95	90	1,220
Pleasant Ridge	90	105	135	25	130	40	10	25	50	55	80	745
Pleasant Union	45	60	70	15	65	20	5	15	25	25	40	385
Providence Chapel	15	15	25	5	20	5	5	5	10	10	10	125
Ramseur	60	60	90	15	85	25	5	15	30	80	50	515
Randleman	35	40	50	10	45	15	5	10	15	50	45	320
Seagrove	50	55	75	15	70	25	5	15	25	30	50	415
Shady Grove	30	35	45	10	45	15	5	10	15	20	25	255
Shiloh	30	40	50	10	50	15	5	10	20	20	40	290
Smithwood	50	60	80	15	75	25	5	15	25	30	45	425
Sophia	40	45	60	10	55	20	5	10	20	25	45	335
Spoon's Chapel	20	25	30	5	30	10	5	5	10	20	20	180
Union Grove	35	45	55	10	55	15	5	10	20	25	50	325
Zion	60	70	90	15	85	30	5	15	30	35	30	465
Totals	$1,785	$2,055	$2,695	$ 535	$2,580	$ 830	$ 230	$ 530	$ 990	$1,255	$1,475	$ 14,960

TABLE No. 18—APPORTIONMENTS—N. C. & VA. CONFERENCE

NAME OF CHURCH	Convention Fund	Conv. Home Missions and Church Extension	Christian Education	Elon College	Christian Orphanage	Ministerial Scholarship Fund	The Christian Sun	Nat'l Home Missions and Ministerial Relief	Foreign Missions	Per Capita Dues	Conference Fund	TOTAL
Apple's Chapel	$ 214	$ 211	$ 63	$ 277	$ 166	$ 15	$ 54	$ 96	$ 122	$ 65	$ 71	$ 1,354
Asheville	126	101	30	180	103	7	26	55	68	31	34	761
Belew Creek	79	63	19	113	64	5	16	35	43	19	21	477
Berea	97	77	23	138	79	6	20	42	52	24	26	584
Bethel	98	78	23	140	80	6	20	43	53	24	26	591
Bethlehem	200	146	58	150	175	14	50	108	133	60	66	1,220
Burlington:												
Beverly Hills	84	67	20	120	69	5	17	37	46	21	22	508
First	800	500	260	1,250	1,250	63	100	470	600	110	291	5,701
Lake View	18	15	5	28	16	3	5	9	10	5	11	125
Carolina	88	70	21	126	72	5	18	39	48	22	24	533
Concord	78	62	19	111	64	5	16	34	42	19	21	471
Danville	240	192	57	344	196	14	49	105	131	59	65	1,452
Durham	569	454	135	813	465	33	116	250	308	140	152	3,435
Elk Spur	34	27	8	49	28	1	7	15	19	8	9	205
Elon College	416	332	99	594	340	24	85	182	225	102	111	2,510
Gibsonville	173	138	41	247	141	10	35	76	94	43	46	1,044
Graham-Providence	84	67	20	120	69	5	17	37	46	21	22	508
Greensboro:												
Calvary	117	93	28	167	95	7	24	51	63	29	31	705
First	557	445	132	796	455	33	114	244	302	137	149	3,364
Palm Street	211	168	30	301	172	12	43	92	114	52	56	1,271
Happy Home	214	179	53	320	183	13	46	98	121	55	60	1,352
Haw River	150	90	12	100	148	3	37	100	145	44	48	877
Hebron	61	49	14	87	50	4	12	27	33	15	16	368
Hendersonville	27	21	6	38	22	2	5	12	14	7	7	161
Hines' Chapel	118	94	28	169	97	7	24	52	64	29	32	714
Hopedale	102	81	24	146	83	6	21	45	55	24	27	615
Howard's Chapel	60	48	14	86	49	4	12	26	33	15	16	363
Ingram	165	132	39	236	135	10	34	73	90	41	44	999
Kallam Grove	48	27	14	38	38	3	12	16	22	14	16	248
Lebanon	89	71	21	127	73	5	18	39	48	22	31	699
Liberty	108	86	26	154	88	6	22	47	59	27	29	652
Long's Chapel	116	92	27	165	95	7	24	51	63	28	31	699
Lynchburg	15	15	5	18	15	1	3	6	9	5	8	100
Mebane	27	21	6	38	22	2	5	12	14	7	7	161
Monticello	78	62	18	111	64	5	16	34	42	19	21	470
Mt. Bethel	60	36	17	55	42	4	14	21	25	17	19	310
Mt. Zion	107	86	25	153	88	6	22	47	58	26	29	627
New Lebanon	140	111	33	200	114	8	29	61	76	34	37	843
Pfafftown	44	35	10	62	36	3	9	19	24	11	12	265
Pleasant Grove	138	110	33	197	113	8	23	54	75	34	37	827
Pleasant Ridge	62	49	15	88	50	4	13	27	33	15	17	373
Reidsville	545	435	129	779	445	32	111	239	295	134	146	3,290
Rocky Ford	34	27	8	49	28	2	7	15	19	7	9	206
Salem Chapel	70	56	17	100	57	4	14	31	38	17	19	423
Shallow Ford	178	142	42	255	146	10	36	78	97	44	48	1,076
South Boston	27	21	6	38	22	2	5	12	14	7	7	161
Tryon	341	272	81	487	279	20	70	150	185	84	91	2,060
Union, N. C.	236	188	56	337	193	14	48	103	128	58	63	1,424
Union, Va.	254	202	60	363	207	15	52	111	137	62	68	1,532
Winston-Salem	138	110	33	197	113	8	28	61	75	34	37	834
Zion	15	15	5	18	15	1	3	6	9	5	8	100
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 49,383

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Dollar, Jesse H., Rt. 1, Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Liberty Spring.
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Grissom, William A., Rt. 1, Henderson, N. C.	ENC	Liberty (Vance).
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*Hurdle, Allen L., 1032 Elwood Ave., Burlington, N. C.	EVA	Business.
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*Johnson, I. W., 201 Linden Ave., Suffolk, Va.	EVA	Retired—Pastor Emeritus of Berea (Nans.), Liberty Spring, Oakland.
Johnson, J. Lee, Fuquay Springs, N. C.	ENC	Bethel.
*Jones, Charles M., Tenney Circle, Chapel Hill, N. C.	ENC	Community Church.
*Jones, Elwood W., Homewood Apts., Baltimore 18, Md.	EVA	Retired.
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*Marr, S. Wade, Security Bank Bldg., Raleigh, N. C.	ENC	Business.
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*Smith, J. Howard, Newton H. S., Newton, Conn.	NCVA	Teacher.
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*Twiddy, C. Baxter, Jr., Elon College, N. C.	EVA	Teacher.
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